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Three more soldiers are killed

Jerusalem Post Diplomatic Correspondent

Three soldiers were killed in the southern sector of the Bulge by Syrian artillery fire on Sunday. Over the Shavuot holiday hundreds of shells fell in Israeli-held territory and several times volleys of Katyusha rockets were fired at the Hermon range and southern Golan.

The names of two of the soldiers killed were released yesterday. They were both from Rehovot — Turai Avihu Oshry, aged 19, and Rabat Yisrael Mahdom, 21. The family of the third soldier has been informed.

On Sunday morning, four Syrian Mig-17s attempted to attack Israeli positions in the Bulge area. They dropped their bombs in the vicinity of Tel Shams, causing no damage.

On Sunday, fighting in the area concentrated mainly in the southern sector of the Bulge in the Tel Antar region.

Yesterday the Syrians concentrated on the southern Golan Heights, and in the afternoon several shells fell in the vicinity of Moshav Nov. No damage was caused. Also under Syrian attack yesterday was the Hermon range, the Mazrat Beit Jann area and the Har Dov site which was shelled by mortars from Lebanese territory.

Fighting in the north has escalated seriously over the past week. Thousands of rounds are expended daily by both sides. Israel has replied both with artillery and the Air Force against artillery, tank, mortar, infantry and command positions.

Eight Israeli soldiers have been killed and 15 wounded in the past week alone, bringing to over 40 the total number of men killed since daily fighting started in the area 77 days ago.

Yesterday, the army spokesman released the name of the soldier fatally wounded on Saturday by Syrian fire as Avraham Baruch Steinmetz, 19, from Givatayim.

Dr. K fails to bridge Israel-Syria gap, leaves today for Washington

But Sisco staying behind

By DAVID LANDAU and ANAN SAFADI
Jerusalem Post Reporters

U.S. Secretary Henry Kissinger did not succeed yesterday in bridging the remaining gaps between Israel and Syria — despite a mammoth last-ditch negotiating effort in Damascus in the hope of finally concluding a disengagement accord. He is to end his shuttling today and return to Washington — but he has instructed Assistant Secretary Joseph Sisco to return to the Syrian capital this afternoon with Israel's replies to Syria's latest "considerations."

"We will not know until tomorrow what the final outcome is," a tired and grave-looking Kissinger said last night after more than 16 hours of talks with Syrian President Hafez Assad through Sunday night and yesterday. Dr. Kissinger returned to Jerusalem shortly before midnight and was to meet with the Israeli negotiators last night and again this morning.

When Dr. Kissinger and President Assad ended their talks last night, Damascus radio reported "progress... on some aspects of the disengagement agreement." This was a markedly more positive statement than an earlier Syrian government communique, rehearsed by the radio throughout the day, which stressed that "some points connected with the disengagement" were "still under discussion," and pointedly intimated that Syria had not responded to Israel's demands regarding the Palestinian *fedayeen*.

"There are some points which Syria refuses to discuss, such as the question of the *fedayeen*. He who wishes to discuss this subject must solve the Palestinian issue and debate the problem with the Palestinian leadership. Any other attempt is a waste of time."

This Syrian statement was interpreted by many observers as signifying a last-minute hardening of the line by President Assad. "Informed sources" in Damascus had given out on Sunday night that an obstacle had in fact developed over a Syrian demand that the buffer zone be narrowed. The sources said that under an earlier understanding, the zone was to vary in width from 2.4 to 5.6 kms.

Another point which had been still at issue when Dr. Kissinger left Israel on Sunday afternoon was the size and function of the U.N. force due to man the buffer zone. Israel sought a large force, and a wide buffer zone — both to stabilize the physical separation of the armies, and to protect its Golan settlements from incursions by irregulars across the disengagement line.

The differences had been "narrowed to a very few," the Secretary said as he left the Syrian capital for the last time on his 31-day shuttle trip. He would now meet with the Israeli negotiating team to "see what their view is about how these differences might be bridged." Assistant Secretary Joseph Sisco would return to Damascus today to report to Mr. Assad and to Foreign Minister Abdel Khalim Khaddem on the latest Israeli decisions, the Secretary said. (Mr. Sisco's deputy, Alfred Atherton, remained in Damascus.)

Last night, UPI's Wilbur Landrey reported a U.S. official confirmed that one of the issues still to be resolved concerned the buffer zone. He refused to identify the others, except to say that one had come up in the final hours of the talks which Dr. Kissinger had believed had been settled weeks ago.

The Secretary himself said that he had "substantially narrowed" outstanding differences, but that the remaining issues were very tough ones.

Briefing newsmen on the plane to Tel Aviv, a senior American official gave this partial picture of Kissinger's talks in Damascus.

- They key question of thinning out the forces along the demarcation line in the Golan Heights has been "substantially settled" on the basis of an American compromise proposal.
- The size of the UN force has been "substantially settled."
- Some problems still remain on the buffer zone and unidentified "tough problems."
- The text of the agreement is virtually complete, with blanks left for the unresolved issues.

Gromyko in Damascus

DAMASCUS (UPI) — Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko arrived last night at the invitation of the Syrian Government. His plane landed while Secretary of State Henry Kissinger held extended talks with President Hafez Assad.

Gromyko's airliner taxied past Kissinger's plane which had been waitng for four hours past its expected takeoff time for Israel.

In an arrival statement, Gromyko said the aim of his visit was to exchange views with Assad and Syrian officials "on matters dealing with the Middle East settlement."

He said, "I believe there is no need for me to repeat that the Soviet Union takes a decisive stand that a just peace and security in the region cannot be established except on the basis of full Israeli withdrawal from the Arab territories occupied in 1967 and later, and on the basis of restoring the national rights of the Palestinian Arab people."

'U.S.-Syrian ties improving'

DAMASCUS (UPI). — On leaving Damascus last night, Dr. Kissinger said he and Assad had spent most of Sunday night and yesterday "on a very complete and painstaking review of all the aspects of a possible disengagement between Syria and Israel."

"We have narrowed the differences to a very few, and I am now returning to Israel to meet the Israeli negotiating team tonight to see what their view is about how these differences might be bridged," Kissinger said.

"Tomorrow, Mr. Sisco of my group is going to return to Damascus to bring these considerations to President Assad and to the Foreign Minister," Kissinger said.

He noted that "relations between the Syrian and American people have always been good. As a result of the very intensive and very constructive discussions that have taken place during the past four weeks relations between the governments of Syria and the United States have greatly improved and the mutual comprehension of each other problems has grown.

"We have made a decision to continue towards an improvement of our relations on a very broad front. We consider this one of the very positive outcomes of my visit to the Middle East."

Kissinger thanked Assad, Foreign Minister Khaddam "and the people of Syria" for their "extraordinary hospitality."

"I want to assure them that we will continue to persevere in our efforts to produce agreement on a disengagement and to bring peace to the Middle East," he said.

Lurie critical

The Editor of *The Jerusalem Post*, Ted R. Lurie, was reported last night to be in critical condition at the St. Luke's International Hospital in Tokyo following a stroke on Friday. A team of Japan's leading neuro-surgeons was called in for consultations yesterday. His wife Tzila and his youngest daughter Yael are at his bedside.

Finance, Information unsolved; Labour vote on Cabinet today

By MARK SEGAL
Jerusalem Post Political Reporter

TEL AVIV. — As a majority in the Labour Party appeared intent on enabling Premier-designate Yitzhak Rabin to form his cabinet, the fate of two portfolios remained unsettled — Finance and Information.

Mr. Rabin has until midnight today to report back to President Ephraim Katzir on his cabinet list. He threatened at Saturday night's Labour Party Leadership Bureau session to hand back his mandate to the President if the party did not endorse his list, but later agreed under pressure to leave the approving vote till 11 a.m. today when the Leadership Bureau and Knesset faction meet in the Knesset to approve his cabinet list.

The general feeling at the Mapai caucus meeting last night at Labour Party head offices was to support Mr. Rabin in the hope he will settle the issue of the two ministries. What was also clear last night at the Mapai meeting was that they expect Mr. Rabin to make a vigorous bid at persuading Yigal Allon to agree to being only Foreign Minister, allowing Abba Eban to become Deputy Prime Minister in addition to having the Information portfolio. This had been already offered by Mr. Rabin and turned down by Mr. Eban. It is now believed that Mr. Eban might be amenable to such a request.

So far Ahdut Ha'avoda has indicated it will abide by Mr. Allon's decision, threatening to withhold its ministers from the cabinet if Mr. Allon is thwarted. Efforts by Mapai colleagues to reach Mr. Allon failed yesterday. He was not available at any of his three homes — in the Old City of Jerusalem, at his Tel Aviv penthouse and at his Kibbutz Ginossar home. Whether he was amenable to Mapai demands will only emerge at today's party meeting. Rafi has stayed out of the current Mapai-Ahdut Ha'avoda row and is satisfied with Shimon Peres taking the Defence portfolio and Gad Ya'acobi getting Transport.

A last-minute crisis erupted over Police Minister Shlomo Hillel's resignation announcement. But to judge by his reported remarks at last night's Mapai caucus he will probably stay on and will also be acting Interior Minister in Rabin's cabinet. Mapai leaders appealed to him to serve in the cabinet. He advised against adopting any final stand on which steps would be taken should Mr. Allon refuse to stand down over the deputy premiership. He noted: "Yigal has been deputy for two terms, does he really intend to perpetuate himself as Deputy Premier?"

NO SEPHARDIM

Mr. Hillel challenged the fact that none of the five new Mapai ministers was of Sephardi origin. He asked, "how is it that 60 per cent of the nation cannot produce one more minister?" Mr. Hillel recalled he was turned down for the Transport portfolio, and said, "Only when a Cabinet is formed does Police get an honourable mention. Otherwise, it's the first in line for elimination."

Sapir stressed his intention of not being Finance Minister. This sparked off speculation as to his successor. So far there has been mention of Housing Minister Yehoshua Rabinowitz, Commerce and Industry Minister Haim Bar-Lev and Justice Minister Haim Zadok, as well as Haifa Mayor Yosef Almogi, plus two non-ministerial figures — Bank Hapoalim general manager Yeacov Levinson and Kupat Holim chairman Asher Yadlin. Last night the betting was heavy in the party on Mr. Levinson.

The Labour Party was plunged into crisis after Mr. Rabin offered Mr. Allon to remain on as Deputy Premier and also make him Foreign Minister instead of Mr. Eban. Mr. Rabin decided on this offer in the course of six meetings with Mr. Allon, gradually breaking down his declared reluctance to join the new government.

Mr. Allon had initially insisted on the Defence portfolio when it became clear that Moshe Dayan would be succeeded by Shimon Peres, who not only came a close second to Mr. Rabin in the Labour Party Premiership contest but also had the backing of the other six Rafi MKs.

Mr. Allon's Ahdut Ha'avoda wing initially insisted that both Allon and Minister without Portfolio Israel Galili stay on in the government, ignoring the pressure for new faces and criticism that as members of the "kitchen cabinet" they should follow Premier Golda Meir and Dayan out of office. They threatened to boycott the Rabin cabinet, though voting for it, if Allon and Galili did not get what they wanted.

The main Mapai criticism of Mr. Rabin now is that he has leaned so far over in mollifying his old Palmah commander that he is in danger of being identified with his Palmah comrades in Ahdut Ha'avoda. This complaint dominated the Mapai leadership meeting on Saturday evening, which met shortly before the Labour Party Leadership Bureau and Knesset faction convened.

MAPAI 'LOSING OUT'

The twin theme of the Mapai complaint was that the majority faction was losing ground and power to both Rafi and Ahdut Ha'avoda and they resolved to dig in their heels on the Deputy Premiership for Mr. Eban. Indeed, Housing Minister Yehoshua Rabinowitz went so far to urge that Mapai should copy Ahdut Ha'avoda by threatening to keep its ministers out of the Rabin cabinet though voting in the Knesset for it, if they do not get satisfaction.

Leaders of the other wings and even secondary figures inside Mapai say some Mapai leaders would not be much upset if Rabin failed to form a government.

Mr. Rabin's aides claim that Mapai politicians had given him to understand that they would not make any difficulties over Mr. Eban's position, even at the risk of him staying outside the cabinet. Denials notwithstanding, the impression was gained (at least inside Mapai) that Mr. Rabin was not over-exerting himself in persuading Mr. Eban to stay on.

Mr. Rabin's aides conceded that he may have made the tactical mistake of having approached Mr. Eban only after he settled things with Mr. Allon. But Mapai sources held a more jaundiced view of Mr. Rabin's cabinet-making strategy. They claim that in his numerous consultations with their key politicians he spoke of replacing Mr. Eban by Mr. Allon — but never mentioned he had offered him the Deputy Premiership.

Mr. Rabin's aides explain that the Premier-designate wanted to keep at least Mr. Sapir and Mr. Allon in his cabinet from among the front-ranking party leaders. Ahdut Ha'a-

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Wilson won't be at Bolshoi event

LONDON (JTA). — Prime Minister Harold Wilson will not attend the first night of the Bolshoi Ballet in London on June 12 because he has a private dinner engagement on that night, a spokesman at No. 10 Downing Street said yesterday.

Although the spokesman would go no further than this explanation for the Prime Minister's decision to stay away from the Bolshoi opening night, the reference to a "private dinner" party apparently indicates that he does not want to lend lustre to the first night of the ballet. Apart from the campaigners on behalf of Soviet Jewry, there is a groundswell protest movement here against the visit because of Soviet treatment of dissenters and of Jews wishing to go to Israel.

(More Red tape for Jews, Page 5)

Nixon hopeful about peace

KEY BISCAYNE, Florida (Reuter). — President Nixon said yesterday that hopes for a lasting peace were brighter now than at any time in living memory.

In a radio broadcast marking Memorial Day, Mr. Nixon said a strong America was indispensable to a lasting peace.

"America must never become the second strongest nation in the world," he said. "If successful negotiations are to continue, America must remain strong. Only a strong America, in concert with its allies, can be a strong force for peace."

Referring to conciliation efforts in the Middle East, the ending of "America's longest and most difficult war in Vietnam," and the strengthening of ties with China and the Soviet Union, Mr. Nixon said:

"Taken together, all of this means that in 1974 our hopes for a lasting peace are brighter than at any time in living memory because we now have a structure of peace and we are carefully working to strengthen it."

UK TROOPS SEIZE PETROL SUPPLIES

Threat of mass walkout in Ulster

BELFAST (Reuter). — British troops took control of vital petrol supplies yesterday in a move to break Northern Ireland's 13-day-old political strike but Protestant leaders retaliated by calling a mass withdrawal of all workers.

The strike leaders of the Ulster Workers' Council (UWC) threatened that dwindling electricity supplies would be cut off completely at midnight last night.

"You'll see what happens at midnight — then the troops will have to be in charge of the country," a UWC spokesman said.

Two-thirds of this British province of 1,500,000 people is already without power. Gas was cut off completely and other essential services such as water and sewerage were in danger.

The test of wills between the authorities and the Protestants demanding political concessions has brought the gravest crisis this troubled province has faced since 1921, when it refused to join the Catholic population of the South in a United Ireland.

In a statement underlying the British Government's determination, Merlyn Rees, Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, declared: "Where anarchy threatens we must take all possible steps to sustain life. Inevitably, however, the innocent must suffer."

Events moved swiftly after heavily-armed squads of soldiers at dawn seized oil storage depots in the two major cities of Belfast and Londonderry and 21 petrol filling stations around the province.

Acting in the name of the Ministry of Commerce, they rolled out barbed wire entanglements across garage forecourts and set up gun emplacements behind sandbags and piles of car tyres.

As word of the military takeover spread, militant Protestants came out on to the streets and began setting up road blocks with hijacked buses and cars. Women and children formed human barriers to stop all traffic passing.

The UWC, an unofficial body of Protestant activists, appealed to the population to remain calm, avoid incitement to violence and keep protests peaceful.

The government has refused to negotiate with UWC which is demanding fresh elections to the 72-member provincial assembly next autumn. The elections would probably mean the end of the provincial executive in which the Protestant majority shares power with the Catholic minority.

Rees and other officials of the central government were in constant session yesterday at Stormont Castle, the administrative headquarters on the outskirts of Belfast. Ministers of the provincial executive, grim-faced after a weekend of hectic political developments, also met.

Oil sheikhs to invest heavily in West Germany

BONN (JTA).—Arab oil sheikhs are to invest billions of dollars in West Germany, informed banking sources said here.

They said that King Saud and the Emir of Kuwait are considering West Germany as an investment centre.

Consultations have already taken place with industry and banking institutes on investment in chemicals, electronics, insurance, shipbuilding, and real estate.

Meanwhile, it was announced yesterday that West Germany and Tunisia are to expand cultural exchanges in the sectors of school and university education, archaeology, publications, and language promotion. An agreement has been signed in Tunis to this effect.

Danish F.M. to Cairo in July

COPENHAGEN (UPI). — Foreign Minister Ove Guldberg will pay an official visit to Egypt from July 15-17 on the invitation of his Egyptian counterpart, Ismail Fahmy, a Foreign Ministry spokesman announced here yesterday.

COLOGNE FIRM AIDS EGYPT IN EXPLOSIVES

By BRIAN ARTHUR
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

BONN. — A leading West German chemical engineering firm, Josef Meissner of Cologne, has delivered in Egypt facilities for making explosives and detonating devices, the news magazine "Der Spiegel" said yesterday.

The magazine claimed that Meissner and other explosives and arms manufacturers in West Germany were selling complete plants and equipment abroad to get around Bonn's official ban on direct arms shipments to areas of tension, such as the Middle East.

Meissner's sales director Norbert Thissen refused to comment on the report, claiming he had not yet read the magazine's newest edition, which appeared at news-stands early yesterday morning. Mr. Thissen was reached by telephone late yesterday afternoon.

According to "Der Spiegel", Meissner sent one of its chemists to Cairo last summer, on a flight allegedly paid by the Egyptian War Ministry, to help reactivate production of the Hexogen explosive plant, in Massara, near the capital. A plant for this purpose had been set up earlier by Meissner but had been closed down, the magazine explained.

Hexogen is described as an explosive commonly used in various forms of military ammunition.

In September last year, shortly before the Yom Kippur War, another company specialist reportedly went to Massara to advise on improvements for the production of detonating powder and devices in two other plants provided by Meissner, the magazine said.

"Spiegel" said Meissner has carried out similar business deals in Portugal, Pakistan, Brazil and even East Germany. It has reportedly provided facilities for a large ammunition making complex in Saltunabad in Iran.

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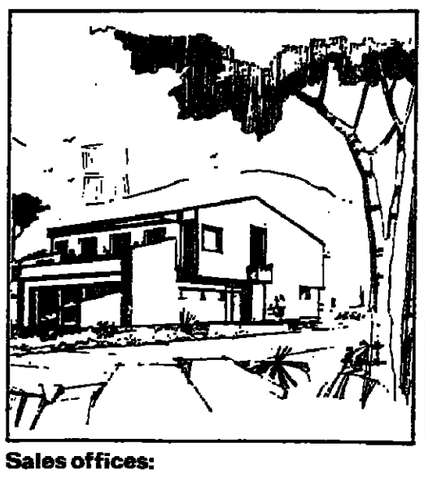

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THE WEATHER

Forecast: Partly cloudy to fair.
Weather synopsis: Barometric high from Turkey to the eastern Mediterranean.

	Yesterday's Humidity	Yesterday's Min-Max.	Today's forecast
Jerusalem	31	14—25	14—23
Golan	46	12—23	12—22
Nahariya	70	14—25	12—22
Safad	26	16—27	14—24
Tiberias	—	18 —	17—28
Afula	48	16—28	16—27
Shomron	36	14—25	15—22
Tel Aviv	71	17—24	16—24
Lod	40	15—28	14—26
Jericho	32	16—34	16—30
Gaza	69	16—26	16—24
Beersheba	15	16—32	15—29
Eilat	22	20—37	20—35
Tiran	54	— 36	21—35

Social and Personal

The annual meeting of the Gratz College Alumni Association in Israel will take place on Sunday, June 9, 4.30 p.m. at the United Synagogue on 2 Rehov Agron, Jerusalem. The guests of honour will be Professors Emeriti William Chomsky and Samuel Kurland. Professor Shalom Paul, of the Hebrew University, will speak. Former students and friends of Gratz college are invited.

BIRTH

HALFON—to Jackie and Aviva (née Benyamin), Caesarea. A daughter, born on Friday, May 24, 1974.

Dutchmen pass plate for IDF wounded

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Members of the Dutch Reformed Church have collected IL116,000 for soldiers wounded in the Yom Kippur War. They did so by passing the collection plate after Sunday services in about 100 congregations in Holland for several weeks.

The Rev. A.G. Zijderveld, of Middleburg, and Evangelist J. Kwantes, of Alkmaar, last week in Jerusalem handed the cheque to Hadassah Medical Organization Director Prof. Kalman Mann, who said the money would be used for the hospital's Burns Unit.

Paint fumes kill shipyards worker

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — A 22-year-old workman from Tamra village died of gas poisoning yesterday afternoon while painting the inside of a compartment in the floating dock being completed at the Israel Shipyards here.

The paint apparently created poisonous fumes inside the compartment. Firemen wearing gas masks retrieved his body. The man's name was withheld pending notification of his family.

The Prime Minister tells Mrs. Nancy Kissinger that her coming here was a sign of her husband's friendship. Mrs. Meir was speaking Sunday at a lunch in the King David Hotel in Jerusalem in Dr. Kissinger's honour. At the head-table, from left to right, are: Religious Affairs Minister Yitzhak Rafael, Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir, Dr. Kissinger, and Minister without Portfolio Gideon Hausner. (Rubinger)

Israel-Syrian 'progress' must not be lost, says Kissinger

Jerusalem Post Reporter

U.S. Secretary of State Henry Kissinger said in Jerusalem on Sunday that the progress made in the Israel-Syrian disengagement talks must not be lost even if he failed to bring about a final agreement in his last round of talks in Damascus. "We have all been determined to succeed in this effort, because what was first an intellectual decision for us has now become an emotional necessity."

Dr. Kissinger was speaking at a lunch given in his honour at the King David Hotel by Prime Minister Golda Meir at the end of his four weeks of shuttling between Jerusalem and Damascus.

"The last four weeks, with all their difficulties, were most rewarding and sometimes the most emotional in our lives," said Dr. Kissinger. "One is not often given the opportunity to change the course of events in history, and there is no area in this world that needs so much a change of events, and there is no people which deserves more than your people to be able to live in peace."

Commenting on Mrs. Meir's remark that he had achieved the "impossible," Dr. Kissinger said that "to be praised for doing impossible things in this country seems a little bit out of place." Visibly moved, he added: "Israel is testimony to the fact that dreams in history can become reality. To see your country is proof that there is still hope in this world that petty calculations can be overcome by a great dream."

Dr. Kissinger had high praise for Premier Meir, who represented the founders' generation in Israel. "We are all inspired by your greatness as a human being and by your leadership. With all the respect we have for your successor, whom we have known and admired, even when you retire you will remain a symbol of this generation."

The Secretary of State expressed his gratitude to the Israeli negotiating team and the Cabinet for their patience, recalling that some time ago Foreign Minister Abba Eban had predicted that Israel would conduct the negotiations with its "characteristic tenacity."

Praising Dr. Kissinger for having done the "impossible," Mrs. Meir said that "one day, when the history of this region is written, these four weeks will constitute one of the most fascinating and interesting chapters in this book." All U.S. Administrations have been friends of Israel, but nobody would have believed that a Secretary of State would literally spend weeks on shutting between Jerusalem and Damascus to work out an agreement. He has made the impossible happen. He is a true master of negotiations, with his great intellect and ability.

"Dr. Kissinger has taught us that it is not enough to be right and to be convinced that we are right. In order to be able to live with others in this area, we must at least try to understand our neighbours."

She praised Dr. Kissinger's patience and his understanding that we often had to insist on "tiny matters because of our simple desire to be, and to exist."

"I believe that we have become friends, and one of the best signs for this friendship was your decision to bring your wife Nancy here." Expressing the hope that Dr. Kissinger's mission would be crowned with success, Mrs. Meir said: "If we get peace in the area, you will be the first on the list to be credited for it."

The Prime Minister proposed a toast to Dr. Kissinger and to President Nixon.

Al the members of the Cabinet were at the lunch, as well as members of the Israel and U.S. negotiating teams and Israeli and U.S. journalists.

Shavuot vacationers avoid north

Safad hoteliers blame media

Jerusalem Post Staff

The recent terrorist attacks in the north left their mark on the movement of vacationers during the long Shavuot weekend, with most people avoiding Upper and Western Galilee in favour of Lake Kinneret and the Mediterranean resorts south of Tel Aviv.

Safad had one of its worst holiday weekends in memory, with 70 per cent of the guests who had booked hotel space cancelling their orders due to the terrorist scare. Moshe Stern, chairman of the Safad Hoteliers Association, described the situation as "worse than terrible." In one hotel only six bookings were not cancelled, and the owner — who did not consider it worthwhile to open for six persons — cancelled these himself. At the Oranim Hotel on Mt. Cana'an 60 per cent of the bookings were cancelled.

"We've never had such a bad long weekend," Mr. Stern said; he blamed some of the media for spreading highly exaggerated reports of terrorist activities.

The town was in fact quiet and peaceful over the holiday, and the hoteliers intend to take action against the false reports which caused them such serious damage.

Elsewhere in the north, however, despite a continuing high state of alert, there was no shortage of holidaymakers. The shores of Lake Kinneret were packed throughout the weekend with holidaymakers, picnickers and travellers and crowds were estimated as being "as big as ever." The police and security services kept watch over them.

About 1,000 members of the Israel Camping Association held their annual convention Sunday and yesterday at the Kibbutz Ma'agan camping site on the shores of lake Kinneret. They pitched their tents and amused themselves with a range of activities including the election of a camp queen, a talent competition, a bathing suit parade, a cooking competition, a swimming meet and sports on shore. Yesterday they were entertained by the kibbutz troupe before they pulled down their tents and set out for home, joining the bumper to bumper traffic of hundreds of cars taking the thousands of guests, campers, and travellers home from the lakeside.

In Haifa, thousands went on outings to the Carmel Park, and the smell of roasting meat rose over the pine trees of the Carmel for rest. The bathing beaches were also so crowded yesterday despite the rather rough sea. Thousands also filled the bathing beaches at Acre, Nahariya, and Ahziv in Western Galilee.

No terrorist activity was reported over the long weekend.

Ashkelon and the coast south of Tel Aviv was inundated by an unprecedented number of holidaymakers over the last three days. In Ashkelon alone there were some 100,000 bathers crowding the resort's beaches, and the police had to close the National Park at 11 a.m. yesterday. Frustrated vacationers waiting to get into the park were diverted to other beaches in the area, and these too were packed.

Picnic spots in the Lachish area were also crowded with tens of thousands of people, and security patrols, augmented by volunteers, kept a sharp lookout for would-be terrorists.

On Kibbutzim and moshavim throughout the country, the harvest festival was celebrated in traditional manner with the bringing in of the first fruits, and outdoor games and sports events in the fields.

Katzir regrets law ties his hands

Deluged by appeals for national unity gov't

President Ephraim Katzir said yesterday that he has received "countless letters and telegrammes from citizens calling for the formation of a National Emergency Government."

Giving a joint interview to the army radio and the weekly "Bamahane" magazine, the President went on: "I can understand their request — but, to my regret, the law does not permit me to accede to this or to take action on the issue."

Most of the interview was devoted to Mr. Katzir's impressions of his first year in office — his duties as President, the difficulties of forming a Government, and the extent to which his duties have caused him to alter his life style. But the President also had much to say about the social upheaval Israel appears to have been through since the October War.

"It seems to me that we have recently been making frequent use of the words "crisis" and "shortcoming," Mr. Katzir said; "but in the life of every nation, of every individual, there are ups and downs, and it is very possible that what we today call a "crisis" is no more than a transition from one stage to another, from one period to another — and this need not necessarily be a negative thing."

The President went on to say that with the October War we have entered a new era, a period of painful soul-searching. "But I am certain," he said, "that all this soul-searching will serve as a springboard for a new period of far-reaching development — in the spiritual, cultural, Jewish and Zionist spheres. I am hopeful, therefore, that we will emerge from this difficult period strengthened — not only economically and militarily, but also spiritually."

Speaking about another of his functions as President, the right to grant amnesty, Mr. Katzir said he has lightened the sentences of about 150 prisoners since he came to office, and has granted total amnesty to another 20. He said he has received thousands of requests for amnesty, and that each one was given careful consideration. He noted that many requests came from soldiers serving sentences for offences committed before the October War. In cases where such soldiers had acquitted themselves well during the War, as testified by their commanders, he had seen fit to lighten their sentences, the President said.

3 killed in holiday road accidents

Three persons died and another four were seriously injured in road accidents over the holiday weekend.

Margalit Markowitz, 27, of Jerusalem, was killed on Sunday morning when the pick up truck driven by her brtoher was forced off the Kastina-Masmiya road by an unidentified vehicle and overturned. Her brother, Aharon Markowitz, 43, was unhurt.

On the Plugot Road north of Beersheba, Nadia Levinsky, 45, of Beersheba, and Daniel Levy, 2[illegible], were killed when the car they were travelling in overturned into a ditch on the side of the road on Sunday night. Nadia Levinsky died on the way to the Kaplan Hospital and Daniel Levy died of his injuries about 24 hours affer he was admitted.

Two persons, Shalom Leibel, 2[illegible], of Herzliya, and Meir Klughaft, [illegible], of Bat Yam, were seriously injured when the tender they were riding in struck a truck head-on on the Nahariya-Acre road on Sunday.

A pedestrian, Yitzhak Efrati, 3[illegible], of Tel Aviv, was seriously injured when he was struck by the wing mirror of a passing car while walking past the swimming pool in Safad. The car was driven by Avraham Avi of Kfar Shamai.

In another accident in the north Yaacov Nahari, 27, of Kiryat A[illegible], was seriously hurt when his truck went out of control on the Kuneitra-Rosh Pina road and ran into a ditch on the side of the road. (Ha[illegible])

RAMLE POLICE yesterday arrested three Lod youths driving a pick-up truck loaded with 400 stolen Tnuva fruit boxes, worth a total of IL3,5[illegible]

VOTE ON CABINET TODAY

(Continued from page one)

voda sources related that Mr. Allon finally agreed to join at their sixth meeting, which was held last Thursday at 4 p.m., lasting until 5.30 p.m., at Mr. Allon's residence in the Old City of Jerusalem. Mr. Allon's objections were removed reportedly after Mr. Rabin promised him that as Deputy Premier he would be No. 2 in his cabinet, and not Mr. Peres, despite the latter being Defence Minister. The operative phrase in Mr. Rabin's commitment to Mr. Alon was "the post of Deputy with full content" in comparison to his duties under Mrs. Meir.

Mr. Allon was assured of being involved in all top policy-making in defence. These sources denied reports that Mr. Rabin had promised Mr. Allon he would also be in charge of intelligence services at Cabinet level, a sphere he had fought for when deputy to the late Premier Eshkol.

They said that this sort of function had been promised to Aharon Yariv who had been offered the post of Minister without Portfolio with special duties in the Prime Minister's Office. (It was also said that Mr. Yariv, former head of military intelligence, will be in charge of the realignment of authority in this sensitive sphere in keeping with the recommendations of the Agranat Commission).

The enhanced powers promised to Mr. Allon combined with the adamant refusal of both Mr. Sapir and Mr. Eban to serve in the Cabinet, galvanized the Mapai machine into activity. They were already alarmed by the reported intention of Mr. Rabin to form a defence and security policy-making team comprising himself, Mr. Allon, Mr. Galili, Mr. Yariv, Mr. Haim Bar-Lev (then still mentioned as a likely successor to Mr. Sapir at the Treasury) and Mr. Peres. Mapai referred to this as the revival of the old Palmah command plus Mr. Peres and Mr. Yariv, but lacking any integral Mapai figure.

Mapai thus resolved to dig in, and last Thursday a closed meeting was held under almost clandestine conditions. It was attended by Labour Party Secretary-General Aharon Yadlin (kibbutzim), Kupat Holim chairman Asher Yadlin (Tel Aviv), Zvi Gershuni MK (kibbutzim), Agriculture Bank Director David Kalderon (Tel Aviv), Avraham Zilberberg MK and Benzion Halfon MK (moshavim), Shikun Ovdim manager Avraham Ofer MK (Tel Aviv), Histadrut Rabbi Menahem Hacohen MK, Histadrut Treasurer Israel Kessar, Zvi Eldorati MK (northern branches), Moshe Wertman MK and Moshe Shahal MK (Haifa). (Housing Minister Rabinowitz and Agriculture Minister Aharon Uzan were kept away by a cabinet meeting).

The forum resolved to organize the Mapai faction on a regular basis with a permanent executive and factional discipline led by Finance Minister Sapir — whether he remains in or out of the cabinet. Their decision was fuelled by the factional meetings of Ahdut Ha'avoda and Rafi. Apart from resolving to fight for Mr. Eban, the forum also decided to press for Mr. Ofer's inclusion in the Cabinet, if a Mapai place fell vacant. In general, they resolved to act like Ahdut Ha'avoda and Rafi and not let Mr. Rabin be free entirely to choose Mapai ministers.

Mapai's mood became even sourer when its caucus of the Leadership Bureau and Knesset faction met on Saturday night, with Mr. Sapir speaking harshly — "If this crisis deepens we will dig in our heels. We will refuse to accept any more dictates from Ahdut Ha'avoda and Rafi." Both here and at the plenum of the party leadership Sapir criticized both of the smaller factions. He felt that Allon should step down in favour of Eban, both of whom he referred to as his friends.

Speaking of his own position, Mr. Sapir stressed he wished to concentrate on aliya, saying, "A million more Jews here are worth more than 100 Phantoms." Denying he ever wished to be Premier, Mr. Sapir said: "It is as alien an idea for me as my going to outer Mongolia." There was amused laughter when Mr. Peres said, "It's easy to go there nowadays," and Yitzhak Ben-Aharon MK rejoined: "It's not getting there that's problematic, its getting out that's tough."

The harshest words came from Mr. Eban, both at the inner Mapai forum and at the broader party meeting. He said: "Where does this (Rabin) cabinet differ from its predecessor? It's so narrow as to be parliamentarily powerless; it lacks the historic dimension accorded to Zionism by the partnership of religious faith and social vision . . . it falls behind its predecessor in its reputation for education, intellectual powers and authority — on the Israeli, the Jewish and the world levels."

Mr. Eban expressed his pain at the fact that Mr. Rabin settled things with Mr. Allon while he (Eban) was busy with Dr. Kissinger. And he accused Mr. Allon of not having bothered to talk things over with him, adding: "It's as if one has to close tightly both the doors and the windows, lest, God forbid, someone else has room to breathe."

Mr. Rabin said: "It's impossible to find the magic formula for everything. It's above and beyond human powers. I propose that we desist from this squabbling."

The biggest row at the leadership plenum was between Mapai and Ahdut Ha'avoda, with Rafi staying out, over the Allon-Eban issue. Such prominent Mapai leaders as Mr. Rabinowitz, Mrs. Beba Idelson, Mr. Kalderon, Knesset Finance Committee chairman Israel Kargman, Moshav leader Avraham Zilberberg and Kibbutz leader Zvi Gershuni demanded to know why Eban should be left out and Allon should be both Foreign Minister and Deputy Premier.

As 2 a.m. approached and the exhausted politicians were trying to wind up the meeting, Mr. Rabin at first reiterated his threat of "drawing conclusions" unless the session accepted his list of ministers en bloc. But the Mapai leaders demanded that the matter be left open in order to settle Mr. Eban's position. He took the floor to denounce issuing the draft list of ministers with his name as Information Minister (earlier he had termed it an unnecessary ministry).

Mr. Rabin weakened under pressure. Mr. Sapir observed in his quietest possible voice: "But the deputy premiership issue is unsettled" — and the Premier-designate agreed to leave the matter open until the next meeting.

Shomer veteran Schneersohn dies at 81

TEL AVIV. — Pinhas Schneersohn, one of the original Shomrim and a leading defender of Tel Hai, died here yesterday. He was 81.

A descendent of Zalman Shneur of Lyady, the founder of the Habad Hassidic movement, Pinhas Schneersohn arrived in Palestine at the beginning of the century and immediately joined the Hashomer watchmen protecting Jewish settlements in Galilee. He took part in the defence of Tel Hai in 1920, and replaced Joseph Trumpeldor, the commander of the deefnders, who fell in the action.

He subsequently joined the group of Shomrim that founded Kfar Giladi, and was a member of the Mapam central committee, served on various Histadrut bodies and participated in Zionist congresses.

His body will lie in state at the Histadrut Executive Building in Tel Aviv from 11.00 a.m. today before being taken to the Hashomer Cemetery at Kfar Giladi for burial.

Underworld seen in Nes Ziona grenade-blast

Jerusalem Post Reporter

NES ZIONA. — A hand-grenade thrown yesterday morning by an unidentified person into a billiard club in the centre of town here caused several thousand pounds in damage, but no injuries. Terrorism is not suspected.

The Rishon Lezion police, who arrived at the empty club shortly after the explosion, found fragments of an Israeli-made grenade at the scene. They do not believe this was a terrorist act, as the owner of the club, Shlomo Ben Shimon, is alleged to have had disagreements with persons who are "known to the police."

The head of the Central Police Sub-district, Sgan-Nitzav David Kraus, and Rav-Pakad Menashe Golan have set up a special squad to investigate the case. A number of suspects have been arrested.

A FIRE, started by an electric short circuit, blazed for four hours in Beersheba's Oren cinema yesterday morning, causing some IL300,000 damage.

JEC to invest some IL100m. in Capital

The Jerusalem Economic Corporation will invest between IL94m. and IL107m. in industry in the capital during the current financial year, Shlomo Belkind, director of the Corporation, told Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir during a tour of Jerusalem's industrial zones on Sunday.

Mr. Sapir visited sites in Anatot, Kiryat Shaul and the Science-Based Industries Park near Sanhedria. Mr. Belkind said that considerable emphasis is being placed on science-based industries, and that between IL35m. and IL46m. will be invested in such industries during 1974-75.

Clal to buy half of Pan-Lon

Jerusalem Post Economic Reporter

Clal investments has agreed to buy over half the ownership of the Pan-Lon Construction Company from William Stern. Mr. Stern is a property owner in Britain who has run into liquidity troubles — owing to the current slump in British real estate values.

Pan-Lon in Israel has 1,300 flats under construction, and owns two hotels — one on the Dead Sea shore (the Pan American) and the other in Bat Yam.

Yehuda Tamir, head of Clal's construction division, is going to London shortly to finalize details, according to company sources.

A HAIFA UNIVERSITY expedition of 19 archaeologists, historians and geographers returned from the Greek Islands on Sunday after two weeks of searching for ancient marine civilizations. The expedition, under the direction of Dr. Elisha Linder, was made on board Kibbutz Maagan Michael's training vessel "Galim."

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Economy stays below pre-war level

Jerusalem Post Economic Reporter

Latest statistics show that in sectors as widely separated as telephone applications, supermarket turnover and building starts, the economy has failed to return to pre-war levels. This emerges from the multitude of statistics in the Bank of Israel's Annual Report for 1973, due to be presented to the Government and Knesset Finance Committee at the end of this month.

Applications for new telephones saggel last year to 77,300, the report shows, as against 94,200 the year before. Even if attention is confined to the first nine months of the year (before the war broke out), there was still a decline — from 68,500 in 1972 to 62,300 in 1973.

The number of telephones in Israel (excluding party lines) topped the half-million mark at the beginning of this year. A record 55,400 installations were made in 1973, yet by year's end the waiting list was up to 161,000, the report says.

Other indications confirm that consumer demand has been rising more slowly than in the past. Turnover in supermarkets, chain stores, consumer cooperatives and petrol stations in the first quarter of 1974 was 11 per cent above the wartime period October-December, but three per cent below the first quarter of 1973 (at constant prices), the Central Bureau of Statistics says.

Yet the picture is not all austerity. Compared with January-March 1973, the sale of textiles and clothing soared by 28 per cent. Footwear sales shot up by 20 per cent, and household utensils by 26 per cent.

Food sales rose by only two per cent. The big decline was in the purchase of new cars and other durables, which sagged by 30 per cent, and motorists bought nine per cent less petrol.

Statisticians point out that if car sales are omitted, then turnover in the shops was 3 per cent higher than a year ago. But it should not be forgotten that the population has increased by that amount since then.

The most striking setback is in the construction industry. During January-March 1974, 10,260 apartments were completed, as against 9,890 in the war months October-December — and 12,660 in January-March 1973.

The situation is worse with building starts. They came to 16,400 units in January-March 1973, sagged to 7,300 in the war months, and recovered only to 9,000 in the first quarter of 1974.

The impact will not be felt straight away. Actually under construction and not yet completed in March of this year were 91,000 flats — only a fraction less than the figure (92,000) in March 1973.

Foreign reserves down by $70m. in April

By DAVID KRIVINE
Jerusalem Post Economic Reporter

Israel's foreign exchange reserves fell by $70m. in April to $1,464m., according to the Bank of Israel's monthly Balance-Sheet. The Government's debt to the bank increased by IL650m.

Asked why the means of payment have not noticeably increased during the first four months of the year (the rise comes to 0.6 per cent), sources in the bank concede that the Government is pumping considerable sums into circulation — witness the deficit of IL650m. in April alone.

Owing partly to defence needs and partly to inflation, however, Israel is also suffering a gap in her balance of payments. The import surplus mops up the means of payment. It emerges that the Government's deficit spending is offset by the foreign payments gap.

Informed circles ask whether there is not too much inflation in the economy — if it is held in check only by a running-down of the country's foreign-currency reserves.

The authorities did sponsor a new deflationary measure last week, by enacting the 20 per cent import deposit. Its main effects are two. First, it will sharpen the credit shortage, and push up interest rates.

Second, the price of imported consumer goods will increase by four per cent — and perhaps more, if loan money gets dearer. Raw materials and basic foods are not affected, since the deposit only concerns goods carrying a duty of 10 per cent or more. Also not affected are materials imported for the manufacture of export products, and tax-exempt imports (chiefly investment goods for approved enterprises).

The deposit will effectively freeze IL900m. of money a year. This is a genuine anti-inflationary move, which should do something to check the rise in imports — provided the Government is not steamrolled into easing the credit squeeze (by lowering the Bank of Israel's liquidity ratio).

LITTLE DAMAGE IN ARMS PLANT BLAZE

By YA'ACOV FRIEDLER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — A potentially disastrous fire, which broke out Saturday afternoon at the Soltam arms and ammunition factory near Yokneam, caused relatively slight damage and no casualties. The production facilities at the vital plant remained untouched, and work will be resumed as usual this morning.

The possibility of sabotage has been practically ruled out. It is believed the fire resulted from spontaneous combustion.

The blaze broke out in an underground gunpower and munition store, and in the nearly seven hours it took to be put out it also destroyed three secondary munition stores. But there was no other damage. Firemen, who were directed from a helicopter, were unable to approach for several hours due to explosions. Meanwhile, light planes sprayed the flames.

Air raid sirens were sounded in Yokneam at news of the fire, and residents went down into their shelters as a precaution against exploding ammunition. The all-clear was sounded shortly before seven in the evening.

The three stores burnt out contained phosphorous and a quantity of ammunition of various types. At the outbreak of the fire — around 12.30 p.m. — the wind blew in the direction of the plant's main store, which contained 1,400 tons of shells and a quantity of TNT. But it then changed direction and later died down altogether, thus saving the main store and averting a potential disaster.

Watchmen at the plant, which was closed for the long holiday weekend, sounded the alarm as soon as the blaze broke out. Firemen arrived from as far away as Haifa, and police and troops closed off all approaches to the plant.

(The Palestinian Arab terrorist movement claimed in Beirut yesterday that the blaze had been set by its men, and that "an unknown number of (the plant's) 1,700 staff were killed or wounded.")

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Rauschenberg opening 'made-in-Israel' show

By MEIR RONNEN, Jerusalem Post Art Editor

Robert Rauschenberg, one of the pioneers of American "Pop Art" in the 'sixties and winner of the First Prize for painting at Venice in 1962, has been building an environmental exhibition at the Israel Museum for the last two weeks. The show opens this evening and the general public will be able to see it from tomorrow.

Rauschenberg, who is assembling his show of paint, prints and found objects with the help of young Israeli artists and painters, is using only local materials, including sand from the shores of the Dead Sea. His idea is to catch local flavour and methods, though this is his first trip to Israel.

This project is the first in the Samuel and Adaline Doraky Visual Art Development Programme, which will provide an annual experimental event at the Museum.

'Tomorrow may be worse'

Multiple sclerosis victims form group for self-help

By LEA LEVAVI
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Victims of multiple sclerosis (a disease of the central nervous system which can lead to paralysis) must constantly face not only today's problems but the probability that tomorrow their condition will worsen. Instead of giving way to depression some of the victims believe in taking a positive approach, and have formed a self-help association to discuss, and deal with, their common problems.

I attended a recent meeting of this association, held at the new Day Care Centre at Tel Hashomer Hospital.

"The official estimate is that there are 600 M.S. patients in Israel," Helen Abramson, an American immigrant who discovered she had M.S. shortly after her arrival in Israel, told me. Mrs. Abramson was one of the founders of the group and seems to be the moving force in recruiting new members and seeking volunteers to assist M.S. victims. "There are probably more than 600, because many doctors don't tell their patients the truth and so the patients don't know what's wrong with them."

At the moment, 70 people with M.S. are on the new group's mailing list, and Mrs. Abramson is sure that others would join if they knew about the organization. "One woman wrote to the International M.S. Society in Vienna saying that she needs help but that she knows of no M.S. society here. They gave her my name, and when she contacted me it turned out that she lives in Ramat-Aviv in the same building as one of our members."

Another problem is transportation; many of those who want to attend the group's monthly meetings cannot do so because they have no way to get there. "One woman from Kiryat Gat came last time in an ambulance paid for by the Welfare Ministry. This time, she couldn't make such arrangements, and so she isn't here. This is one of the reasons we would like to recruit volunteeers, not to mention the fact that some patients need to be driven to the doctor or assisted in other ways."

The meeting opened with a film about a 29-year-old woman who has had M.S. for four years. Although the film (produced by the M.S. Society of the United States) did not tell audience anything they had not already learned from their own bitter experience, one sentence concisely summed up everything I heard from the participants in the meeting. "I would like to hope that tomorrow will be better, but I know it may be worse."

The guest speaker at the meeting was Dr. Chanan David, a clinical psychologist from Beit Levenstein, a convalescent home in Raanana. The patients — who feel they have nowhere to turn for rehabilitation or psychological assistance — hoped to get some helpful answers from him, but he had no "how to do it" advice.

"First of all, there is no magic formula," he said "and besides, it is hard to talk concretely about rehabilitation and adjustment to a group because each individual has his own weak points and strong points which determine how he accepts an illness or disability."

The questions raised after the lecture pointed up the frustration felt by many members of the audience. Why isn't there some place to which M.S. patients can turn for rehabilitation services, or even to arrange such matters as receiving the discounts and tax exemptions available to the disabled?

"When I went to get a discount on my municipal rates, they told me to bring a certificate of disability," one member complained. "But when I wrote to the Ministry of Health, they told me they don't give such certificates. So far, I haven't been able to find out where to get one."

Here, the mutual-assistance function of the group could be seen. Someone told her to get a form from Income Tax and have her physician complete it. Income Tax would then refer her to the National Insurance Institute, who would establish her degree of disability.

From the complaints and criticisms voiced, it was clear that assistance is needed in several directions. Help should be available in solving family conflicts arising from the disease, and assistance to the patient in finding new ways to engage in work or social activities — or new activities to replace those which he can no longer perform because of the disease. Resources and must be brought together more effectively.

Dr. Kindler, a physician from Tel Hashomer who encouraged Mrs. Abramson and her colleagues to form the group, concluded: "We doctors can't solve your problems for you, and you can't solve them alone. Perhaps we can do something together. Here at the Tel Hashomer Day Care Centre, there will be visiting home nurses, social services, psychologists and other kinds of assistance. But it's also up to you to find something more constructive to do than constantly throwing the same questions and complaints back and forth."

The group is looking for ways to raise money. Even sending out the invitations to their monthly meetings, and putting out a modest newsletter, is becoming very expensive as the membership list grows. "Of course, if we could raise large enough sums, we would like to help support medical research into M.S., as cure and prevention are the only real solution to our problems," said Mrs. Abramson, who urges anyone intersted in the group to telephone her at (03)-909258.

Middleweight Briscoe loses title, 1st fight

SPORTS ABROAD

By BERNIE BERNIKER

BOXING

Rodrigo Valdes of Columbia won the World Boxing Council version of the middleweight championship on Saturday in Monte Carlo when he knocked out Bennie Briscoe of Philadelphia in the 7th round. It was the first time in 63 professional fights that Briscoe had ever been knocked down, and he had never been knocked out before.

The end came surprisingly while Valdes' face was bloodied and he was bleeding badly from a cut left eye.

After backing away in the early part of the round, he caught Briscoe with a murderous right hook to the head in the middle of the ring. Briscoe dropped on his back and lay there until the referree counted eight. He got to his feet but referee Harry Biggs of Britain put his arms around the wobbly Philadelphian and sent him to his corner.

The bout had been extremely close for the first six rounds. Briscoe lived up to his advance billing as a slugger, constantly boring in, punching heavily and trying for a knockout.

Valdes kept dancing away, circling Briscoe, throwing right jabs and occasionally stopping long enough to throw hard punches from both hands.

There was never any indication that Briscoe was in trouble before the end. In the first round, the Colombian stunned him with a right hook and followed up with a barrage from both hands, but Briscoe was able to weather the storm.

Valdes' victory gave South America a monopoly on the world middleweight championship. Carlos Monzon of Argentina had been the recognized title holder until the World Boxing Council stripped him of the championship because he had failed to take a dope test.

World Bantamweight Champion Rafael Herrera kept his World Boxing Council (WBC) title on Saturday night knocking out challenger Romeo Anaya in the sixth round in Mexico City.

The two Mexicans, weighing 117 pounds each, fought in a 15-rounder championship bout before more than 25,000 spectators who saw Herrera dominate from the start.

Herrera knocked Anaya down with a series of jabs and hooks to the face and stomach that sent Anaya reeling to the ropes in the second minute of the sixth round.

"Anaya hit me hard but I knew I was going to win because I always felt I was doing better," Herrera said after the fight.

Anaya refused comment.

It was Herrera's 57th professional bout. Until now he had won 45, tied four and lost seven.

In March of 1972 he won the title for the first time, defeating Mexican Ruben Olivares in eight rounds. He lost the crown to Panama's Enrique Pinder three months after in Panama City.

The fight at the Sports Palace netted $80,000 for the champion.

PRO BASKETBALL

The new New Orleans franchise of the National Basketball Association added some veteran players with high-scoring records to go along with Pete Marravich on the team roster.

Team president Fred Rosenfeld picked nine forwards, four guards and two centres from the current NBA teams in the expansion draft.

New Orleans picked Stu Lantz from the Detroit Pistons, Dean Meminger from the New York Knicks, Bob Kaufman of Buffalo, Dennis Awtrey of Chicago, Jum Barnett of Golden State, John Block of Kansas City-Omaha, E.C. Coleman of Houston, Barry Clemens of Cleveland, Lamar Green of Phoenix, Nate Hawthorne of Los Angeles, Ollie Johnson of Portland, Toby Kimball of Philadelphia, Steve Juberski of Boston, Louis Nelson of Washington, Curtis Perry of Milwaukee and Bud Stallworth of Seattle.

Meminger and Kaufman were immediately sent to Atlanta as part of the Maravich deal.

TRACK & FIELD

John Powell, a policeman and member of the U.S. Olympic team in 1972, opened the California relays in Modesto, California, on Saturday, with a discus throw of 8.07 metres — best in the world this year.

Powell's toss beat the previous 1974 best by 25,400 millimetres, but it missed the world record by 33 metres. Jay Silvester set the world mark at 68.40 six years ago, and Rickey Bruch of Sweden matched it in 1972.

John van Reenen of South Africa was second to Powell with 67.34.

Powell competed for the Pacific Coast Club.

In other early events, Bill Schmidt, also of the Pacific Coast Club, won the javellin with a toss of 79.50.

BASEBALL

An official of the Tokyo Yakult Atoms baseball club turned red and bitter last week when told ex-Yankee ball player Joe Pepitone had accused the club of forcing him to play despite an ankle injury when he was in Japan.

Yosyio Tokunaga, director of the Yakult club, said disgustedly "don't remind us of the guy. His story is not even worth a comment." Pepitone said he had a two-year contract with the Yakult ball team.

Tokunaga said Pepitone "disappeared" after playing 14 games for the Yakults. The ex-Yankee was fired after he failed to join the spring camp training here this spring.

Pepitone wrote about his Japanese experiences for the "New York Times" in which he said his Japanese manager ordered him to play despite his ankle trouble, and that he was charged $2,000 a month for a two-bedroom apartment that had doors only "four feet five inches high."

Tokunaga said, "Everybody in Japan knows it's a fat lie. His apartment doors were six feet high."

Army manpower units wind up work

The committees set up after the Yom Kippur War to deal with the release from reserve duty of key men in industry have terminated their activities, although they are ready to resume them in a national emergency.

This was announced last week by the committees' coordinator, Shlomo Amir, at a conference in Tel Aviv of the members of the national committee and those set up for the various branches of industry.

Mr. Amir said that in their five months of activity, the committees held 340 meetings and handled 37,372 requests, submitted by 9,874 plants. The committees had recommended the release of 17,109 men, he said; but the IDF had been not been able to release more than 6,420, and 468 of those only after re-considering their cases.

H.U. promotions

The Hebrew University of Jerusalem has announced the following promotions:

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Salem takes tennis title

Jerusalem Post Sports Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Yehoshua Salem of Tel Aviv Hapoel yesterday won the men's singles in the National Tennis Championship, beating Yair Wertheimer of Tel Aviv Maccabi 6:4, 6:2, 6:0 in a 90-minute game at the Carmel Tennis Club in Haifa.

In the semi-finals, Wertheimer beat Reuven Foges of Rishon Lezion Maccabi 6:4, 4:6, 6:4, but Salem had a walkover as Shlomo Glicksteln of Tel Aviv Maccabi failed to appear for the game.

Janine Shmahmann of Tel Aviv Maccabi won the ladies' singles, beating Ronit Heller of Tel Aviv Hapoel 6:3, 6:2.

Leo Neufeld of the Carmel Club won the veterans title, of those up to the age of 70, beating Dr. Zeev Gottesman of Carmel 6:3, 2:6, 6:3. The seniors tourney for those up to the age of 45, was won by Zvi Levin of Tel Aviv Hapoel, who beat Yosef Boros of Carmel 6:2, 3:6, 6:4.

National League basketball tonight

Jerusalem Post Sports Reporter

TEL AVIV. — A full programme of National League basketball matches will be played tonight. The games are:

Haifa Hapoel v Givat Brenner-Naan Hap.
Tel Aviv Hapoel v Megiddo Hapoel
Ramat Gan Hapoel v Jerusalem Betar
Tel Aviv Maccabi v Kiryat Haim Hapoel
Gvat-Yagur Hapoel v Nir-David-Beit Alpha Hapoel
Jerusalem Hapoel v Ramat Gan Maccabi

Israel-Australia kick-off tonight at Bloomfield

By PAUL KOHN
Jerusalem Post Sports Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Israel meets the Australian World Cup soccer team at the Bloomfield Stadium tonight, playing Yosef Sorinov the Jerusalem Betar goalkeeper instead of injured Yitzhak Visoker. Kick-off is at 7 p.m.

National team coach David Shweitzer has also brought in Israel Hajjaj, the Netanya Maccabi defender. During the match Schweitzer is likely to make changes and introduce young players such as Oded Machness, Mordechai Berger, and Eli Levanthal, and his own son, Moshe Schweitzer.

The Australian team, on its way to participate in the World Cup finals in Germany, sees tonight's match as "a valuable part of our World Cup preparations." Coach Rale Rasic told reporters his team is now "a well-drilled, disciplined team."

Before coming here, Australia beat Uruguay 2:1 in Sydney and Indonesia 2:1 in Jakarta. Australia last visited Israel in 1970, when they won 1:0, but a year earlier it was Israel which ousted Australia from the World Cup finals in Mexico, winning 1:0 at Ramat Gan, and drawing 1:1 in Sydney.

The Australian team includes native-born Australians and settlers from England, Scotland, Hungary, Germany and Yugoslavia.

Israel's team: Sorinov, Hajjaj, Rosen, Shwager, Bello, Shum, Feigenbaum, Nimni, Damti, Peretz, Shwarz.

Australia's team: Reilley, Utesenovic, Schaeffer, Wilson, Williams, Mackay, Rooney, Richard, Bujevic, Ollerton, Abonyi.

Gov't crackdown on unlabelled foods

The Health Ministry has begun an inspection of grocery stores following the recent discovery of unlabelled jars of sugar syrup being sold as honey.

The Ministry warns storekeepers selling unlabelled containers of food that they will be prosecuted for contravening the regulation requiring that all food products be labelled. The public is warned not to buy unlabelled food and to inform the local office of the Ministry if they see any being sold.

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Giscard rejects pomp to become President; Chirac is Premier

By JACK MAURICE
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

PARIS. — Valery Giscard d'Estaing formally assumed office yesterday as France's 20th President of the republic and named 41-year-old Jacques Chirac, who was Interior Minister in the outgoing government, as Prime Minister.

The appointment of Chirac, who weeded out the Gaullist old guard from the top jobs in the civil service while he headed the Interior Ministry, is designed to guarantee a stable and conciliatory parliamentary majority for President Giscard.

Chirac spearheaded a nation-wide campaign *during the presidential election* to prevent Gaullist ex-Premier Jacques Chaban-Delmas from getting past the campaign's first round. Then, as a trusted favourite of the late Pres. Pompidou, he played a key role in enlisting Gaullist support for Giscard.

Chirac is six years younger than Giscard, and they can now operate in tandem to give their government the image of youth and progress. Giscard set the style for his seven-year term from the outset yesterday in organising in detail the ceremonial for his assumption of the presidency.

Shunning the sombre cutaways worn by his predecessors for their entry to the Elysee Palace, Giscard chose a lounge suit. Instead of driving in state into the palace courtyard he walked the last 400 metres past cheering Parisians, including his two teenage daughters, on whom he bestowed a paternal kiss.

He insisted that military servicemen from his old regiment, the Second Dragons, in *which he served as a corporal in* a tank turret at the end of World War II, should provide a guard of honour for the ceremony alongside the spit-and-polish veterans of the Republican Guard.

Takes another walk

Giscard also declined to wear the weighty chain of grand master of the Legion of Honour when it was presented to him by right as President of France. He merely glanced inside its elegant case and shut it tight.

The new President later took another walk up the Champs Elysees to rekindle the flame over the tomb of France's unknown warrior under the Arc de Triumphe.

Chirac is expected to announce his government team today. He will probably include only a minimum of hard-line Gaullists of the old school. But it is unlikely that any members of the Socialist opposition will be appointed. Posts are scheduled to go to three women ministers.

Outgoing Foreign Minister Michel Jobert is still among "hopefuls" for the Quai d'Orsay job. But it is more likely that Giscard and Chirac will prefer a new nominee for the top diplomatic post.

Giscard's bosom friend and confidant Michel Poniatowski, who was Health Minister in the outgoing government, is in line for the Interior Ministry.

In a brief speech at the Elysee, where he was formally proclaimed head of state by Roger Frey, President of the Constitutional Council which supervised the election, Giscard stressed his intention to introduce wide-ranging changes into French society. He said he would bring Parliament and people into the process of change, adding: "We will make this change with the people and for the people."

The new President said: "We will conduct it particularly with the young people who carry joy and the future like torches."

Premier Chirac

Sadat talks of Gaddafi conspiracy

CAIRO (Reuter). — President Sadat has charged Libya's Colonel Gaddafi with virtual sabotage over the war against Israel last October, and with taking a theatrical attitude towards the Egyptian-Libyan unity issue.

In a message to members of Libya's Ruling Revolutionary Command Council, Sadat said he had experienced nothing from the Libyans except the casting of doubts on Egypt's determination to fight Israel. He said that these doubts, "and I can almost say this sabotage...," had reached a strange stage a few weeks before the battle, when Gaddafi claimed ignorance of Egyptian and Syrian plans and predicted a catastrophy.

In the message, dated May 7 and published here on Sunday, Sadat said on the unity issue that both Gaddafi and Libyan Prime Minister Abdel Salam Jalloud *had arrived suddenly in* Cairo last year and asked that unity be declared. The Colonel's attitude had been "not serious, and I may say a theatrical one."

President Sadat asked whether "this authoritarian and moody power which has puzzled any analyst with its contradictions and vague aims" was what had remained from the Libyan revolution.

The publication of the full text of the message followed extracts which were published two days earlier. It indicated further a rapid cooling of Egyptian-Libyan relations.

President Sadat said that the Libyan anti-Egyptian campaign had now reached the level of a conspiracy.

"Can we keep silent any more when the campaigns against Egypt have reached dimensions which could be only described as conspiracy. We know all what you spend in Beirut, in Arab and non-Arab countries... the money you pay to newspapers or certain political groups to incite them all to attack Egypt, and slander her policies, leaders, and people.

"We also know precisely the contacts that took place inside Egypt itself with student elements and religious societies, the spending of money, and the publication of pamphlets aimed at these goals."

Sadat further charged Libya with going back in its promises to supply Egypt with four million tons of oil within one year after the start of war. Only 800,000 tons of oil arrived, and no more was delivered after the cease-fire, when Algeria made good Egypt's needs.

Syrian President Hafez Assad—in peaked cap in front—visits Syrian troops on the Golan on Saturday. Behind Assad is the Syrian Defence Minister, Mustafa Tlass. (AP radiophoto)

FORD URGING NIXON 'TO COOPERATE'

DANBURY, Connecticut (AP). — Vice President Gerald R. Ford said on Sunday that his differences with President Nixon on the President's refusal to supply any more Watergate evidence to the House of Representatives Judiciary Committee were laid out "quite candidly" at their meeting last week.

Ford made it clear he planned to continue urging the President to cooperate with the impeachment inquiry despite Nixon's firm stand against supplying additional evidence.

"I haven't backed off from it," said Ford, who met with Nixon last Thursday. "So I think the evidence speaks for itself."

Ford said also he expected Nixon to obey any Supreme Court ruling in the case involving special prosecutor Leon Jaworski's effort to obtain 64 Watergate-related tapes which the White House has refused to give.

"I would assume that the nine wise men would make a definitive order," Ford said. "Assuming they do, I would expect the President to obey it." He indicated that he would consider a 5-4 ruling by the high court to be a "definitive" decision.

Ford said he "can't remember" whether he or Nixon brought up the subject of the tapes at their meeting, but he said it consumed "only a very small part of a 45-minute conversation" devoted mainly to legislative matters and the Middle East situation.

In Washington, a key Senate Democrat and the president of the American Bar Association expressed dismay over Nixon's refusal to comply with subpoenas for Watergate evidence. Senator Robert Byrd of West Virginia, the Democratic whip, said on Sunday that Nixon's rejection of subpoenas has bolstered the prospect that the Senate will convict him in an impeachment trial. Chesterfield Smith, president of the bar association, said he would prefer if Nixon could find a way to "withdraw from public power" until Watergate-related charges against him were disposed of, although he does not know of any ways the President could do this.

Meanwhile, Nixon relaxed at his bayside home at Key Biscayne, Florida on Sunday, after conferring with aides and reviewing cables from U.S. Secretary of State Henry Kissinger in the Middle East. A spokesman said Nixon talked by telephone with Kissinger's deputy Maj. Gen. Brent Scowcroft.

'Last rites for Irish sisters on hunger strike'

LONDON (UPI). — A Roman Catholic priest has given the last rites to two Irish sisters who have been on hunger strike since being imprisoned for life for a London bomb blast, a spokesman for the family said yesterday.

(A Home Office spokesman denied that the rites had been given.)

"Their hair has started to fall out and they are very weak," he said. "Their survival can be measured in days."

The two sisters, 23-year-old Dolours and 20-year-old Marian, were convicted of being involved in the London car bomb blast that wounded 212 persons, including 44 children, in March 1973. Both are self-confessed members of the Provisional wing of the Irish Republican Army.

They started their hunger strike last December, but were force fed by officials at Brixon Prison until last week. Since then, they have only taken water.

The Home Office spokesman said the force feeding was halted because the sisters refused to cooperate, but that they remain under close medical care.

Israel won't let Jews leave: Tass

MOSCOW (Reuter). — The Soviet news agency Tass accused Israel yesterday of refusing to allow "disillusioned Jews" to leave the country.

A Tass commentary said Israel, "publicised by Zionist propaganda as a 'promised land,' 'a paradise' for persons of Jewish descent, is becoming less and less attractive..." The difficult conditions of a war-oriented economy and unemployment among *new immigrants were driving* people to try to leave the country, but the authorities did not permit them to do so, Tass said.

Actor Donald Crisp dies at 93

LOS ANGELES (AP). — Donald Crisp, who appeared in 400 films, died on Saturday at the age of 93. *His* 70-year career reached *its* peak in 1941, when he won an Academy Award for his supporting role in "How Green Was My Valley."

President Valery Giscard d'Estaing waves to crowds lining the Champs Elysees as he walked to the Arc de Triomphe during the inauguration ceremonies yesterday. On left is outgoing Premier Pierre Messmer. The President of the Senate, Alain Poher, and the Army Chief of Staff, General Francois Morin, are also with the President. (AP radiophoto)

INDIA'S RAIL STRIKE ENDS

NEW DELHI (UPI). — Railwaymen yesterday called off their 20-day-old nation-wide rail strike that has seriously crippled India's economy. A spokesman for the Railwaymen's Federation, main negotiator for the country's 1.7 million rail workers, said the strikers will return *to their posts today.*

Union spokesmen said the decision to call off the strike was made in response to a resolution signed by five imprisoned union leaders.

More than 20,000 strikers and their union leaders have been arrested since rail workers walked off their jobs on May 8. They were demanding higher wages on a par with workers in other nationalized industries, and more fringe benefits. Prime *Minister* Indira Gandhi adopted a hard-line attitude and refused negotiations until the strike was called off.

French and U.S. arms for Greece

ATHENS (UPI). — Greece has bought \$350m. worth of military equipment from France and will receive another \$71m. worth of hardware from the U.S., diplomatic sources said yesterday.

The French purchase, including 130 medium tanks, 40 Mirage F1 all-weather fighter planes and four missile gunboats, will be delivered within 1975 and will be paid for by Greece within five years. The U.S. equipment will be granted as part of the credit sales type of military aid extended to Greece by the U.S., the sources said.

Premier Adamantios Androutsopoulos said the Greek armed forces were being modernized "through national funds, and soon Greece will obtain self-sufficiency in defence." The Premier's statement and the purchases of arms from France were participated by Greek-Turkish tension over oil-drilling in the Aegean.

Four guilty of robbing Pope

VATICAN CITY (UPI). — A Vatican court yesterday convicted four former Holy See telephone company employees of robbing Pope Paul VI's private apartments and gave them sentences ranging from three years to a \$400 fine.

Defence lawyers immediately filed an appeal.

The four also may benefit from a papal amnesty in the Vatican city-state. Pope Paul VI called on nations to grant an amnesty to political and other prisoners in celebration of holy year, and the Roman Catholic pontiff was expected to follow his own advice should the Vatican have any prisoners.

Two of the four were convicted of robbery, a third was convicted of receiving stolen goods and the fourth for unwittingly buying stolen goods *without first ascertaining their* origin.

Grechko in Algiers

ALGIERS (UPI). — Soviet Defence Minister Andrei Grechko arrived yesterday for a five-day official visit, governmental officials said.

Moderates gain in Luxembourg

LUXEMBOURG (Reuter). — The ruling conservative Christian Democrat Party of the tiny grand duchy of Luxembourg took its hardest knock in half a century on Sunday when the 340,000 population swung their general election vote to the moderates.

The party has ruled either alone or in coalition for 55 years but yesterday, with Socialists and Liberals emerging the biggest vote-catchers, possibilities for forming a new coalition were thrown wide open.

No party has an overall majority in the 59-seat parliament. *Unofficial* figures show that the Christian Democrats, senior coalition partners with Liberals in the last government, remain the largest single party with 18 seats against 21 in *1968.*

But the Liberals now have 14 against 11 in the last house — and the Socialists 17 against 12. The Social Democrats, a splinter group of right-wing Socialists have five seats against six, and the Communists also have five, losing one.

BIG ALGERIAN TRADE GROUP IN W. GERMANY

By BRIAN ARTHUR
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

BONN. — An Algerian economic delegation led by Oil and Industry Minister Belaid Abdesselam arrived here yesterday for two weeks of talks with government officials and private industry.

Forty top managers from Algeria's state-run industries will meet Chancellor Helmut Schmidt and other Bonn officials, then travel to industrial centres in various West German cities.

The Bonn Government described the talks as "without precedent," saying they should lead to an upswing in trade and economic cooperation.

Before he resigned several weeks ago, former Chancellor Willy Brandt was the first West German head of government to visit Algeria officially.

The West Germans are wooing Algeria because that country supplies 12 per cent of Bonn's oil imports. A German and European energy consortium last year signed a contract for delivery of 15 billion cubic metres of Algerian natural gas annually, and the Germans are now negotiating for even more.

West Germany is Algeria's number two trade partner after France.

Rothschild marriage surprise

PARIS (UPI). — Ex-royalty, millionaires and Paris cafe society stars will gather in a chateau at Ferrieres tonight to celebrate the engagement of two members of the "beautiful people" set, David de Rothschild and Olympia Aldobrandini.

News of the wedding, on June 29, has surprised the international jet set.

The Rothschild scion, son of Baron Guy de Rothschild and an executive at the family Rothschild Bank, has for years been a steady escort of film actress and cover girl Marisa Berenson.

Dozens of guests will dine and dance to two orchestras in the Chateau in the Brie cheese country — owned by David's parents Guy and Marie-Helene.

Each year the Rothschilds stage a jet set party in their chateau on a *different theme,* and *this year's* theme is the engagement of their son, 32, to Miss Aldobrandini, 18.

The invitation list for the Ferrieres party includes the Duchess of Windsor, singer Maria Callas, Jacqueline and Aristotle *Onassis*, the Count of Paris, dress designers Guy Laroche and Pierre Cardin, Prince Michael of Greece, actress Elsa Martinelli, and the Aga Khan.

The wedding will take place with a few close friends present in the village of De Reux, near Pont Leveque.

The bride, just finishing secondary school in Paris, daughter of an Italian father and French mother, comes from a family that claims two popes, friends say.

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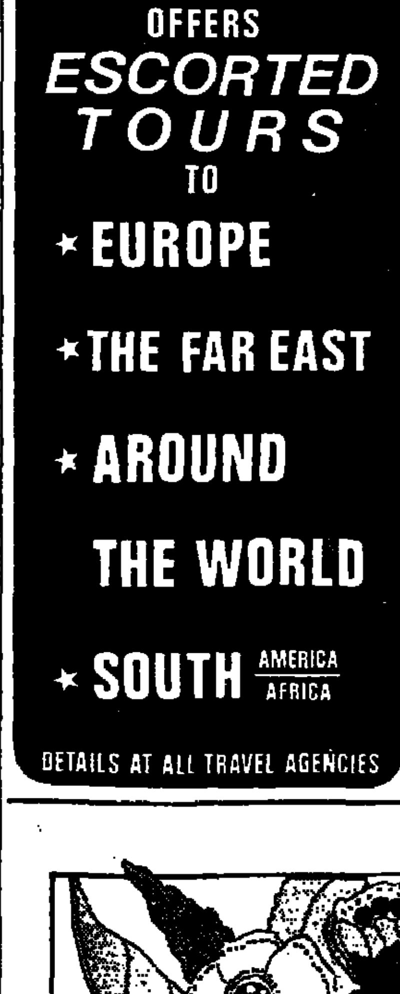

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Demonstrations in Lisbon and Angola

CRUCIAL TALKS ON GUINEA

LONDON. — Cease-fire talks here between Portugal and the African Nationalists in Portuguese Guinea appeared to have reached a crucial phase yesterday at the longest session so far.

Dr. Mario Soares, Socialist foreign minister of the new Portuguese provisional government, said after a three and a half hour meeting that he had put off his planned return to Lisbon last night to allow further time for negotiations.

The talks between the Portuguese and representatives of the self-proclaimed state of Guinea-Bissau — the name for the West African territory used by PAIGC (African Party for the Independence of Guinea-Bissau and Cape Verde Islands) — will go into their fourth day today.

A new element was injected into the bargaining yesterday with the arrival of Portugal's new minister responsible for the overseas territories, Dr. Antonio de Almeida Santos, from a six-day fact-finding mission in Mozambique and Angola.

These two territories are much larger and richer and have much larger white populations than the poor swampy Portuguese Guinea. A cease-fire in Portuguese Guinea, however, could only help further the cause of peace in all three territories, the new Portuguese leaders believe.

Angola authorities yesterday banned all public demonstrations after trouble in Luanda when Africans held a mass rally, yelling slogans such as "whites get out — go back to Europe," shouting support for rebel groups and stoning cars, police said. The settlers staged a counter-march as Dr. Almeida Santos drove to the airport en route to London.

Gen. Francisco Pinehiro, commander-in-chief of the armed forces in Angola, immediately banned all demonstrations.

Meanwhile, public transport in Lisbon halted yesterday when bus drivers, tram drivers and conductors struck for higher wages. The strike was called shortly after midnight. Lack of publicity meant many who might normally have driven to work came in by train and then found they had to walk.

Cavalry units of the Republican National Guard on Sunday used tear gas and water cannon to break up a banner-waving crowd of some 2,000 left-wing supporters demanding the release of a Cuban army captain, jailed for 10 years for training guerrillas in Guinea. The demonstrators also called for independence for the territories.

No arrests were made, but it was the first time since the April 25 military coup that authorities had used force to break up a crowd.

(AP, UPI, Reuter)

Jordan's King Hussein in the uniform of a marshal, during celebrations marking Independence and Army Day in Amman over the weekend. (AP radiophoto)

TITO WARNS AGAINST EXTERNAL ATTACK

BELGRADE (UPI). — President Tito said yesterday nationalist and factionalist groups were a continuing threat to the unity of the Yugoslav Communist Party, and he called for nationwide military vigilance against external attack.

Tito, who turned 82 on Saturday, was addressing the opening session of the 10th party congress, which is the culmination of two years of purges designed to see that Tito leaves the country in united Marxist hands after his death. Tito read for about an hour passages of his 34,000-word report to the 1,600 delegates in the city's largest sports hall.

"We should be in error to think that the battle against nationalism is over," he said, referring to the rivalries between Yugoslavia's six constituent republics, which in 1970 and 1971 caused the country's most serious internal post-war crisis.

"We must continue to be alert and resolute and to prevent the reappearance of any form of factionalism..." said the Yugoslav leader.

Tito reasserted Yugoslav sovereignty and said throughout the post-war period "our country has been subjected to direct pressures by imperialistic, hegemonic, irridentist and other reactionary forces," an apparent reference to the superpowers of East and West.

"The interests of imperialist and reactionary forces are constantly present in this part of the world," he said. "The country's defence has become the concern, right and obligation of every working man, and Yugoslavia an invincible bastion for every aggressor. We must continue to strengthen and improve the system of nation-wide defence."

Tito said Yugoslavia's non-aligned foreign policy did not mean neutrality and added that even in Europe the possibility of war could not be completely excluded.

Tito said the congress, which will last four days, marked the stage when the Yugoslav system of self-management Communism ceased to be experimental and had become a proven development of Marxist thought.

1,000 hurt at pop concert in London

LONDON (AP). — Pandemonium halted a David Cassidy pop concert in London on Sunday night as thousands of screaming teenagers, most of them girls, crushed forward toward the stage. The besieged White City Stadium resembled a battlefield when it was over, witnesses said.

Estimates of the injuries went as high as 1,000 with dozens hospitalized for broken limbs, shock and what one nurse described as "David Cassidy hysteria."

One 15-year-old girl suffered a heart attack, was given mouth-to-mouth resuscitation at the scene and rushed to a hospital where she was listed in critical condition.

The trouble started 20 minutes into the concert when some of the 30,000 fans started pushing forward. Girls were knocked down and trampled on in the ensuing melee.

Cassidy left the stage as 250 security men tried to carry away the injured. Newsmen helped drag the injured girls away. Two security men collapsed from exhaustion.

Eventually, Cassidy resumed his hour-long concert, but stewards never stopped carrying away the casualties.

More 'red tape' for Jews who want to leave Soviet Union

NEW YORK. — The emigration of Soviet Jews is declining, but the reasons are disputed, "New York Times" correspondent Christopher Wren reported from Moscow on Sunday. He noted that the current emigration rate was about 2000 a month, whereas early 35,000 Jews left the Soviet Union last year.

"Some authorities contend that emigration has become easier and the decline has been caused by a growing Jewish disillusionment with Israel," Wren reported. "Some officials say that applications have dropped 50 per cent in Moscow alone. Western diplomats are sceptical and say there may be a backlog of up to 100,000 applicants.

"Soviet Jews who have tried to emigrate point to new restrictions and other administrative red tape that have made it more difficult to obtain an exit visa."

According to Wren, some Jews concede that the wide publicity given to emigres who have returned from Israel "with stories of their disillusionment" and the emphasis by the Soviet press to the difficulties of trying to regain Russian citizenship once forfeited, have had an effect on potential applicants. It is especially so among Jews who have good jobs and worry about finding themselves unemployed in Israel, Wren said.

He quoted Western diplomats as saying that perhaps 10 per cent of those who apply to go to Israel in fact intend to settle elsewhere in the West.

In addition, "bureaucratic restrictions have also been tightened. The formidable paperwork must now be typed rather than handwritten, a difficult chore that some find impossible. A further requirement is that applicants must now check in with the local police before proceeding to the visa office, further intimidating some applicants from even beginning."

Wren noted that because employers will give poor references to a Jew who leaves his job in order to emigrate, many Jews were leaving their jobs with good references before applying for visas. New regulations requiring that the reference must be dated back six months has frustrated this practice, because anyone unemployed for more than four months faces prosecution for "parasitism." *(JTA)*

Russia replies to Sadat charge of neglect

MOSCOW (AP). — The Soviet Union said yesterday that without its economic help, Egypt would not be able to wage its "struggle against Israeli aggression."

Two articles in the Soviet press emphasized economic aid to Egypt and Russian-Egyptian friendship. They appeared to be a reply to President Sadat's charge in April that the USSR failed to give Egypt the arms it requested after the October War.

The newspapers "Pravda" and "Sovietskaya Rossia," did not directly reply to Sadat's charge, but "Sovietskaya Rossia" said that Russian help had spurred the development of Egyptian industry and agriculture and strengthened the Egyptian economy, "without which it would be impossible to wage a successful struggle against the intrigues of imperialistic encirclement."

The articles, apparently written to mark the third anniversary of the signing of the Russian-Egyptian cooperation treaty, also claimed that reactionary forces were trying to disrupt the friendship between the Soviet Union and Egypt.

The "Sovietskaya Rossia" article stressed the "mighty support" given by the Soviet Union to Egypt in the October War.

New Vietcong attacks

SAIGON. — Heavy fighting continued north of Saigon for the 11th successive day on Sunday as North Vietnamese and Vietcong troops beat back a South Vietnamese advance and opened new attacks on the defensive perimeter of the El Pai Khe divisional headquarters, field reports said.

More fighting continued in another trouble spot, along the central coastal plain 480 kms. north of Saigon. The Saigon Command claimed 45 North Vietnamese and Vietcong were killed in a battle near the district town of Tam Quan. Government losses were put at two dead and four wounded.

In Saigon, President Nguyen Van Thieu fired one of his closest political aides, Nguyen Van Ngan, sources close to Thieu's Democracy Party said. The firing appeared to be the first move in a projected party shake-up. Reports than Ngan was accused of spying for the Vietcong could not be confirmed.

Meanwhile, informed diplomatic sources in Vientiane said the U.S. will withdraw its last unauthorised military personnel from Laos "some time this week." The sources said the American military men — who were in Laos despite a 1962 Geneva accord provision against the introduction of foreign troops — would be gone from Laos "before the weekend." *(AP, UPI)*

Bonn spy charge is withdrawn

COLOGNE (AP). — A respected German business magazine on Sunday withdrew the charge it made that West Germany counter-espionage chief Guenter Nollau was a Communist agent.

The magazine "Capital" said on Wednesday it was holding an alleged study paper by the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) which showed that Nollau, 63, worked for East Germany. Nollau, president of the West German Office for the Protection of the Constitution, angrily labelled the report "all lies."

On Sunday "Capital" Editor Ferdinand Simone said "new information raises serious doubts as to the reliability of the paper, which had been identified as a private study of the CIA." The magazine did not clarify what it meant by a "private study."

WHILE Dr. K IS AWAY...

By KENNETH J. FREED

WASHINGTON (AP). — Whatever success Secretary of State Kissinger achieves in the Middle East, he will return home to a fresh crop of problems.

In the month he has been away, Kissinger has lost two of his chief deputies. He also missed a meeting of the Central Treaty Organization, and two congressional hearings to be postponed.

Two foreign officials cancelled trips to Washington, and the Japanese Foreign Minister came to Washington in the expectation that Kissinger would arrive in time to meet him.

There are reports that while Kissinger has been in the Middle East, the work of the State Department bureau responsible for that area has ground nearly to a halt.

Officials travelling with Kissinger claim he has kept abreast of major policy problems, but other sources say that some important day-to-day work has been held up.

An example cited concerns strategic arms limitation. Ambassador Alexis Johnson, the chief U.S. negotiator in the Salt II talks with the Russians, is described as sitting at his desk marking time until Kissinger gets home to provide guidance.

Dr. Kissinger will have to find replacements quickly for three of the five chief department officials — the Deputy Secretary, the Under-Secretary for Economic Affairs and the Under-Secretary for Security Assistance.

In spite of the importance of economics in his foreign policy, Kissinger has not had time to fill the economic post, which had been vacant for several weeks before he began his Middle East trip.

William Donaldson resigned as Under-Secretary for Security Assistance about a week after Kissinger left. Sources close to Donaldson said his decision was due in part to his inability to establish a close working relationship with the busy secretary.

Deputy Secretary of State Kenneth Rush agreed to become President Nixon's economic policy coordinator only this last weekend. Department officials said Rush was unhappy because Kissinger did not give him suficient authority to run the department effectively during his absences.

Even if these three positions are filled quickly, it is likely to take some time before the new officials can work effectively.

In the Bureau of Near East Affairs, which oversees the Middle East, Kissinger has allowed three of the four Deputy Assistant Secretary posts to become vacant. This includes the one responsible for Arab-Israeli matters.

In addition, the country officers for Egypt and Israel have been reassigned without being replaced, and sources say papers are piling up and very little work is being done by the officials left in the bureau.

The Secretary of State has tried to keep key Congressional leaders up to date during his travels. On Friday he telephoned Senator J. William Fulbright, the Arkansas democrat who heads the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, to brief him on developments towards an Israeli-Syrian cease-fire.

A committee hearing Dr. Kissinger was due to attend tomorrow has been postponed.

Kissinger also had to ask the House Foreign Affairs Committee to delay a hearing originally set for Thursday on the Foreign Aid Bill.

"Kissinger may pull off one of the most important coups of the century if he gets the Arabs and Israelis together," one State Department official said, "but if he's going to play diplomatic superman, he should have the self-confidence to let others run the State Department."

Stewart Alsop dies

WASHINGTON (AP). — Columnist Stewart Alsop, a leading Washington commentator who described his battle with terminal cancer in a book published last year, died on Sunday at a hospital. He was 60.

Alsop died in a hospital at the National Institute of Health in Bethesda, Maryland, where he was undergoing treatment for cancer of the bone marrow. Doctors said the immediate cause of death was pneumonia.

Alsop, one of the most distinguished writers of Washington's political scene, learned he had leukemia three years ago when he was on a family outing, climbed a pile of trash and found himself "gasping like a fish."

Doctors diagnosed the disease as rare form of leukemia that causes a fatal imbalance of white and red corpuscles, and Alsop began a prolonged hospital stay.

"A dying man needs to die, as a sleepy man needs to sleep, and there comes a time when it is wrong, as well as useless, to resist," wrote Alsop in his book, "A Stay of Execution: a Sort of Memoir."

Alsop was not deterred from covering Washington politics, and his weekly column appeared regularly in "Newsweek" magazine until his death. He joined "Newsweek" in 1968, but his career as a Washington columnist dated to 1945, when he joined his brother, Joseph, in co-authoring a column called "Matter of Fact."

The column was syndicated by the "New York Herald Tribune" to 160 newspapers in a collaboration that lasted 13 years.

Alsop joined the "Saturday Evening Post" in 1958 as contributing editor on national affairs. He was named the magazine's Washington editor in 1962 and held the post until he joined "Newsweek."

Jordan to try Arabs selling land to Israelis

AMMAN (AP). — The Jordanian cabinet has decided to set up a special court to handle cases of Arabs who "sell their real-estate to the 'enemy'," it was announced here.

The court would put on trial, under the penalty of death, Arabs in the West Bank who might sell their land to the Israelis, the announcement said on Sunday.

Soviet fleet shadowed

LONDON (AP). — The British Navy and Nato forces were shadowing a large Soviet naval fleet as it exercised north of Scotland on Sunday, the Royal Navy said.

The fleet of some 15 vessels included submarines from Russia's 400-strong submarine fleet, two 19,000-ton cruisers, a 7,500-ton guided missile cruiser, a 5,200-ton guided missile destroyer and three 4,600-ton guided missile destroyers and support ships, a Navy spokesman said.

The destination of the Soviet fleet was not known. The fleet was first picked up by Norwegian forces and then by the Royal Air Force.

On March 24, the Royal Navy shadowed four Soviet warships through the English Channel, and two months earlier it monitored the passage of three other warships in the Channel.

Amnesty tells UN 176 writers unjustly in jail

UNITED NATIONS (AP). — Amnesty International issued a list on Sunday night of 176 writers in 31 countries who it believes have been unfairly imprisoned or accused of crimes by their governments.

The executive director of the U.S. chapter of the human rights group said the list had been submitted to U.N. officials with a request "to bring this situation to the attention of the relevant U.N. bodies."

A foreword to the list says all of the writers have been denied the right "to receive and impart information through any media," as proclaimed in the U.N. Universal Declaration of Human Rights. It says many have been held without charges or trial, and some have been tortured.

The list included the cases of 26 writers detained by the military government in Chile, including Carlos Jorquera, press secretary to overthrown President Salvador Allende. The report said Eugenio Davia, director of the socialist weekly "Aurora," was "tortured and sentenced to death and may already be dead."

Also on the list were 18 poets, critics, journalists and others held in Soviet prisons, labour camps and psychiatric hospitals, among them distributors of underground "Samizdat" writings and Ukrainian and Turkmen nationalists.

Thirty-seven journalists were said to be held in Indonesia for "real or alleged support" of the outlawed Communist Party.

Iran will spend $100m. on satellite

NEW YORK (AP). — The Shah of oil-rich Iran plans to spend $100m. for a U.S. built satellite system, "Newsweek" reported on Sunday. It added: "To be launched from Cape Canaveral in the next few months, the satellite will beam educational television programmes to remote Iranian villages and will provide communications between the hinterland and urban medical centres. It will also be hooked into Iran's military communications net."

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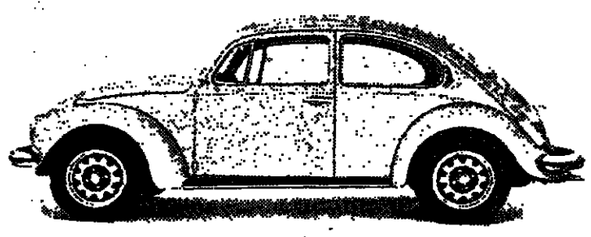

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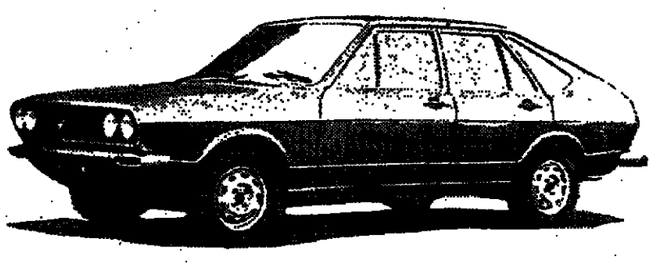

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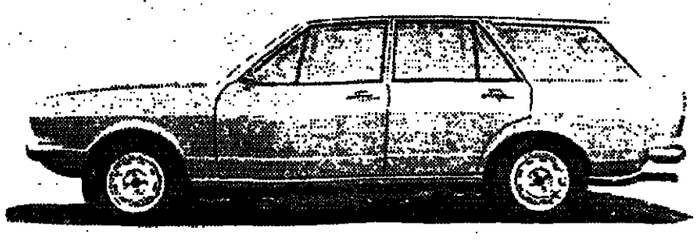

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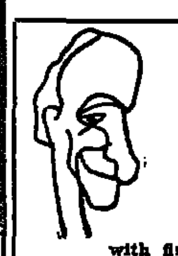

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FIRST PROGRAMME

256, 522 and 221 M.

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9.55 English News. 10.05 Entertaining works by Borodin, Kodaly, Delius, Ibert, Paderewski, Frederic of Prussia and Romberg.

10.55 French News. 11.00 News in easy Hebrew. 11.05 Ivrit La'am. 11.15 Oriental songs. 12.05 "The Song of David." 12.30 Choirs.

1.05 Midday Concert — Liszt: Concerto Partetico for two Pianos; Ravel: Five Popular Greek Tunes (Souzay); Roussell: Suite from "Bacchus et Ariadne."

2.05 Mother and Child. 3.05 "Radiodea" — "Bettering Your Knowledge." 3.30 Literature — Questions and Answers. 3.50 The Daily Mishna. 4.05 A Moment of Hebrew. 4.06 "The Piano of Debussy." 4.55 English News. 5.05 Jazz. 5.45 Musical gar 5.55 p.m. French News. 6.00 Agriculture Magazine. 6.35 For the Farmer. 7.05 "Today." 7.25 Light Music. 7.50 Bible Reading: Tehilim, chaps. 61 and 62. 8.05 World of Science.

8.30 The Jerusalem Symphony Orchestra — direct from the Jerusalem Theatre (Stereo) Swedish conductor Anders Janson, Zvi Zeitlin, violin — Roman; Drotningham Suite; Mendelssohn: Violin Concerto; Respighi: Suite No.3; Grieg: "Peer Gynt" — Suites Nos.1 & 2 — "Popular Classics" Series. 11.05 "The Party Kitchen."

12.05 A Moment of poetry. 12.08 Close Down. 1.05-5.00 Hebrew songs and tunes. 5.05-8.00 Same as second programme.

SECOND PROGRAMME

457, 423, 298, 249, 355 and 340 M.

5.08 Hebrew Songs and Tunes. 5.55 Religious Service. *6.10 Exercises. 6.30 Musical Clock. 6.55* Programme Announcements. 6.59 A Moment of Hebrew. 7.05 "This Morning." 7.25 Hebrew songs. 7.55 "Green Light." 8.05 Announcements. 8.10 "Good Morning." 8.35 Names and Events in the Headlines. 9.03 "Good Morning" (cont.) 10.05 "Here at Home." 11.45 Where to go and light music. 12.05 Programme for the Worker and the Employer. 12.30 Hebrew Songs.

1.05 p.m. "At Midday." 2.10 From Pop to Inclusive 3.05 Requests — Oriental Songs. 3.55 Names and Events in the Jewish Scene." 4.05 A Moment of Hebrew 4.06 "Hebrew Edition." 4.30 S. Rosen's Quiz. 4.35 "Hebrew Edition." 5.05 "From Me Mani" — with Mani Peer. 6.05 "Songs on One Theme." 6.45

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5.30 News. 5.32 Service Broadcast. 5.42 Science Series. 6.10 A short film with Charles Chaplin. 6.30 "My friends all over the world" — ... 8.00 Moraaha. 8.30 Mabat. 9.00 "McCloud" 10.15 Moked. 11.05 News. 11.10 Service Broadcast.

Educational: 4.00 Story. 4.55 Mother and Child. Arabic: 6.30 News. 6.32 "The Beginning of ... Power" — documentary. 7.00 Family Magazine. 7.30 News.

Today's sport. 6.55 Announcements. 9.06 "Documentary Proof." 10.05 "Public Opinion." "Tonight." 11.15 I'm yours and you're mine. 3.00 Songs and Tunes.

FIFTH PROGRAMME

445 M.

6.58 p.m. Opening. 7.00 News. 7.25 Song and Melody. 8.00 News. 8.05 Song and Melody.

IMMIGRANTS' HOUR

7.00 p.m. News in easy Hebrew. Ivrit La'am. Georgian. 7.30 Yiddish. 8.00 Ladino. 8.15 ... 8.30 Rumanian 8.45 Russian. 8.60 Close Down.

ENGLISH NEWS AND PROGRAMMES

7.00 a.m. (4th programme and short waves); 9.55 a.m. (1st programme); 1.30-2.00 p.m. (4th programme and short waves); 4.55 p.m. (1st programme). 8.30-8.45 p.m. (4th programme); 10.00-10.45 p.m. (short waves).

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7.15 a.m. (4th programme and short waves). 10.55 a.m. (1st programme); 2.00-2.30 p.m. (4th programme and short waves); 5.55 p.m. (1st programme); 8.45-9.00 p.m. (4th programme); 12.00-1.00 a.m. (short waves).

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5.58 Morning Prayer 6.05 Morning Tunes. Programme trailer. *6.05 Zahal's Newsreel.* Morning tunes (cont.) 9.05 Requests. 10.05 ... Sela. 11.05 Warm and Tasty. 11.55 Tamar ... suggests. 12.05 Zahal's Newsreel. 12.30 Warm and Tasty. 1.30 "It Reminds Me" with Hanna Z... 1.55 Warm and Tasty.

1.55 p.m. Announcements. 2.05 "Two till Four" with Gila Amagor. 4.05 Please Call. 5.05 Zahal's Newsreel. 5.40 Tunes for Everybody. Programme Trailer. 6.05 "By Request." 7.05 "... Her to You" — with Edna Peer. 8.05 New ... Corner 8.30 Jazz. 9.05 "By Request." 10.05 Let's ... — with Nathan Donewitz. 1.55 "Midnight ..." 12.05 Zahal's Newsreel. 12.30 "Night Birds" Tunes in the night.

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BUSINESS & FINANCE

Laminated plastics industry fears new plant will threaten trade

By MOSHE ATEB
Jerusalem Post Economic Editor

The Ministry of Commerce and Industry has given a green light for the establishment of a factory for laminated plastics planned by Israeli industrialist Eliezer Sahrov, and the Industrial Development Bank has agreed in principle to finance it. However, the plan is still stiffly opposed by the veteran producers in this field.

They argue that excessive expansion may jeopardize the industry's future and undermine its export prospects. Currently, exports of laminated plastics are nearly $4m. a year, most of it going to Britain and the Far East. The industry employs close to 500 people.

But export cannot be pushed beyond a certain portion of the total output — the producers argue — both for reasons of profit and because second-grade production cannot be sold abroad, while home sales cannot be confined to low grade quality only. Use of laminated plastics is already high in this country — about 4m. sq. metres a year, one-half as much again as in the European countries.

Also, production capacity of the existing plants is being expanded on a substantial scale. Etz Lavud has just added 10 openings to the 24 it had in its presses, and Sefen is adding 20 openings to its present 24. As a result, the industry will shortly be in a position to produce over 14m. sq. metres of formica annually.

Assuming even that local sales will advance to 5m. sq. metres, the industry will still have to export close to two-thirds of its output, as compared to the current half. To achieve that, a hard marketing effort will be required. However, Mr. Saharov's project would add another 16 openings with an initial planned output of 3m. sq. metres, to be gradually increased to 5m., if not more. As a result, home sales would drop to only a fifth of the total, which could easily break the camel's back.

Sefen, in particular, do not disguise their intention to fight the newcomer by sharp price cuts. "We shall be forced to do that in order to defend our enterprises and the industry's future," they say.

Nevertheless, Mr. Saharov — an old hand in the wood and furniture industry as long-time general manager of Taal Plywood — is proceeding undaunted by these warnings. He expects home consumption of laminated plastics to rapidly increase, pointing out that even now demand is exceeding supply, so much so that a black market in the local product has developed, and occasionally formica has been imported. He also intends to introduce more advanced equipment than that presently used, so as to reduce waste and low-grade output, cut production costs, and to be able to penetrate lucrative markets abroad which have thus far been neglected, in particular the EEC and the U.S.

He feels that with or without a price war, Tabor Industries — as his new company is to be called — will be able to carve itself a share of the local market, while exporting at least one-half of its production. Furthermore, he does not worry about the eventual effects for the other factories if they fail to adjust themselves to the changing technical and marketing situation.

Mr. Saharov has a ten-year agreement with the German company Westag-Getalit, which would provide Tabor Industries with technical know-how against an exclusive purchase right for at least 1m. sq. metres of its eventual annual product.

Because of the German firm's objection to a "political" location of the Israeli factory, the plant will be not be built at Kiryat Arba — as was originally planned — but at Afula, which is a "B" priority area for investments. The factory is expected to begin production in late 1975, initially employing about 120 people. The investment involved would come to IL35m., including about IL12m. of equity capital and shareholders' loans. And there is no lack of potential investors, Mr. Saharov says. He himself intends to keep one-third of the share capital.

There is no doubt about the profitability of laminated plastics. Sefen, the major producer (owned by seven Jordan Valley kibbutzim and the Histadrut-affiliated Ampal Company), earned in the last two pre-war years net profits of 26 and 30 per cent, respectively, of its paid capital and reserves. Its operating profit margin amounted to almost 25 per cent of its turnover. Etz Lavud — which produces laminated plastics along with plywood and other products — earned in 1972-73 50 per cent net of its equity capital and reserves, and its operating profit margin was 13 per cent of turnover. Both companies invested heavily in expansion of their laminated production capacity.

How cells communicate; Hebrew U. listens in

Special to The Jerusalem Post

A team of biological chemists at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, headed by Professors Michael Schramm and Zvi Selinger, has taken an important step forward in discovering the means whereby cells pass vital chemical messages among themselves. Body cells must communicate if the body is to function properly. For example, exocrine and endocrine glands as well as nerve endings all contain chemicals which must be passed from cell to cell if the body is to grow or think properly.

For years now, scientists have examined the cell through electron microscopes, observing curious black dots which they knew contained chemical information in transit. Previously, it was believed that upon receipt of the proper stimulus from a substance known as cyclip AMP these dots gathered at the cell's excretory canal (the lumen) when the message-bearing chemical simply diffused through the cell wall.

On examining cells in the salivary glands of rats — which have a very similar structure to human salivary gland cells — the team discovered that upon activation with cyclic AMP the little black dots (secretory granules) grow extensions pointing toward the cell's exit canal. After a short time, these tiny extensions actually merge with the lumen, opening both dot and cell wall, and the chemical message leaves the cell, making its way through the body to perform its appointed task. If the dots happen to be far away — as cells are measured — from the exit, the extensions (technically known as pseudopods) become feet on which the dots can "walk," rather as does an amoeba, to the cell exit where their valuable chemical cargo is then discharged.

The team, which includes graduate students Yoram Salomon, Esther Eytan, Samuel Batzri, and Yoav Sharoni, has tried to activate these dots outside their cells to see if cycle AMP is the trigger substance causing the growth of the pseudopods and the chemical discharge. Unfortunately, once outside their cells, the dots tend to leak profusely, making it impossible to learn much about the discharge itself. However, careful examination of the electron microscope photographs did show that cyclic AMP does indeed cause the dots to develop the pseudopods. This new knowledge of the active role of the black dots in cell communication should be of great use in further studies of how the body works.

LACK OF COORDINATION

Panel wants special Ministry of Building

Jerusalem Post Economic Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The setting up of a Ministry of Building and a statutory Building Council with wider planning and advisory powers has been recommended by the Building and Housing Sub-committee of the Emergency Economic Council.

Lack of coordination between the many government agencies concerned with building is the major reason for the industry's poor performance, the sub-committee feels. The new ministry would deal with all aspects of building, including land financing, materials, and technology, even though in cooperation with other departments. The Council should be chaired by the Building Minister, and include one third government officials, and two-thirds members representing building contractors and workers, municipalities, and professional organizations.

Another major recommendation demands the promotion of prefabricated building, with the grant of all the incentives enjoyed by manufacturing industry. Standardization of building elements and modules is also strongly urged. Industrialized building could now produce up to 15,000 dwelling units a year, three times the number it was able to furnish in 1969, Mr. David Stern of the Contractors' Centre, the sub-committee's chairman, said, presenting the recommendations to reporters.

The sub-committee estimates that 52,000 dwelling units will be completed this year, and about as many in 1975. It also forecasts an upswing of private building starts in 1975 to almost pre-October War levels.

Other major recommendations of the sub-committee include:

- Stockpiling of essential building materials to about one month's consumption in order to prevent eventual shortages. This would require funds to the tune of IL250m. and government aid to cover the financing costs.
- Allocation of State lands for building purposes, in particular for popular housing projects, at prices below those prevailing in the free market. Whenever necessary this could also include the reclassification of agricultural land and seizure of private lands left unused by present owners. Land currently accounts for 30 to 60 per cent of the cost of residential units even outside the major cities.
- Increase of mortgage loans to match the rise in the cost of flats, and setting up of clear criteria for eligibility to obtain them. The sub-committee recommends making mortgage loans dependent on the status of the recipient, not on the kind of building mortgaged.
- Limiting participation in building projects carried out or promoted by municipalities to registered contractors only. Currently at least 500 unregistered contractors are operating throughout the country along with 2,250 on the register.

The sub-committee welcomes the measures taken by the government to encourage building for rental housing, and recommended further study of ways and means to expand it. Incidentally, all the above recommendations were supported by Mr. Zvi Rechter, General Manager of Solel Boneh, who was the sub-committee's vice-chairman.

The building industry's major problem is now labour shortage, and the only prospect for alleviating it is the application of modern industrial techniques and mechanisation, the committee members stressed. However, the wage creep should not alone be blamed for the advance in building costs. Prices of a number of building materials soared much more than the cost of labour, and so did the cost of building plots. Wages account for about one-third of the total cost of a flat built by conventional methods, but for only one-eighth of the cost of prefabricated building elements.

MORE AIR CONDITIONERS SOLD DESPITE RECENT PRICE HIKE

More Amcor air conditioners will be sold this summer despite recent price increases, a company spokesman said last week.

He said the firm's 20 models will cost between 10 and 25 per cent more than last year. Nevertheless, the manufacturers expect sales to expand by 25 per cent. The lowest priced unit — the 3/4-hp model — sells for approximately IL2,200, and larger domestic models range in price up to IL3,000. Air conditioners for shops cost between IL3,400 and IL4,000. These prices do not include installation costs.

The company this year expects to market a great number of its "split unit" air conditioners. These are models where the motor-compressor and cooling units are separate. The former may be placed in any space open to the street, such as a kitchen porch. A thin, almost invisible, tube connects this part to the cooling unit, which can be placed in a room without any windows or other outlets to the street.

MUSIC REVIEW

'Music should always be live'

By DORA SOWDEN

HERE recently for a quick look at Israeli dance companies and dance conditions, Professor Pia Gilbert, Head of the Music-for-Dance Department at the University of California in Los Angeles, had controversial views on what she found. She said she was disappointed to find so much of the music for dance taped instead of "live," and thought that Israeli dance companies were not working often enough with local composers.

"Music should always be live for dance," she stated in Jerusalem. "Tapes should be used only for electronic music or electronically manipulated music. If the music is 'present,' performance tends to be frozen. One needs the relationship between musicians and dancers to make every performance new, different. The arts are born together then."

About the companies themselves she had words of high praise. She remarked on the "highly disciplined beauty of the moving bodies of Israeli dancers," and said this gave "a pungent Israeli flavour" to Israeli dance. "The country as a whole seems zoomed in on itself" she said, "but dancers and musicians here are more outward-looking and conscious of what is going on in the rest of the world."

However, Professor Gilbert had her reservations. "I think the companies are too cavalier in their treatment of music." As resident composer and conductor of music for dance at U.C.L.A., she objects to music being "vandalised" for ballet — bits being taken out, others added, distorting the work. "It's like slashing paintings," she said.

Professor Gilbert does not consider a large orchestra necessary for dance. "A nucleus — perhaps a trio or quartet with piano is sufficient. Sometimes what is needed is no more than a hum — but not total silence, no. If you have no sound at all, you get left with audience noises."

Her advice to Israeli companies is to "do the university circuit" in America. The dance departments at the universities have developed during the past 15 years from the physical education departments and many now offer Master's degrees, she explained. She herself has been officially connected with the U.C.L.A. Dance Department for 12 years — "but altogether for 23 years."

From Los Angeles Professor Gilbert brought news of Israeli dancer Margolit Oved who works in the ethnic dance department. She expressed special admiration for her way of drumming. "I want her to teach that too," she said.

Professor Gilbert would like to come to Israel again and work on musical accompaniment and applied music "from breath to instrument."

PLANTING SCHEDULE ON TIME

Soviets predict wheat crop will be smaller

WASHINGTON (AP) — Fears a month ago that the USSR was far behind in planting of spring crops have dissipated, according to a new analysis published last week by the U.S. Agriculture Department.

As of May 6, the report said, Soviet farmers had planted 156.4 million acres of spring crops, only about one week behind the "excellent progress" a year earlier, when 1973 planting was under way.

An expert in Communist-area agriculture for the Department's Economic Research Service, called the new report encouraging.

"It's an improving situation as far as planting in the Soviet Union is concerned," he told a reporter. "As we said last month, it was quite early then to be making predictions."

In April, the Soviet Press raised questions about crop planting for 1974 harvests and said poor weather and inefficiency on farms were contributing to the delay.

At that time, only 41.6 million acres had been planted compared with 107.2 million on the same date — April 22 — a year earlier. In last week's report, Soviet farmers were shown to have narrowed the gap sharply with the 156.4 million acres planted on May 6, compared with 199.6 million a year earlier.

"These comparisons suggest that 1974 seeding progress thus far may be near normal," the report said. "That is, progress in 1972 and 1973, but particularly in 1973, was unusually rapid because of favourable weather, and the larger than normal amount of seeding was due to reduced winter grain areas."

The report was published in "Foreign Agriculture," a weekly document, issued by the Department's foreign agricultural service.

China alarmed by wheat smut after U.S. deal

WASHINGTON (AP). — American wheat tainted by microscopic plant disease spores was shipped to the People's Republic of China last year because no one in the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) knew how strict that country's sanitary requirements were for imported grain.

A USDA official said a U.S. delegation now in Peking is expected to return next weekend with a report on how such shipments can be avoided in the future.

Although the disease, a wheat smut, is not considered by USDA experts as harmful to humans, Peking officials are alarmed that introduction of the spores would be a threat to China's wheat crop.

Government officials say they do not know how much wheat tainted by smut spores was involved, but trade reports have indicated several shipments were turned back.

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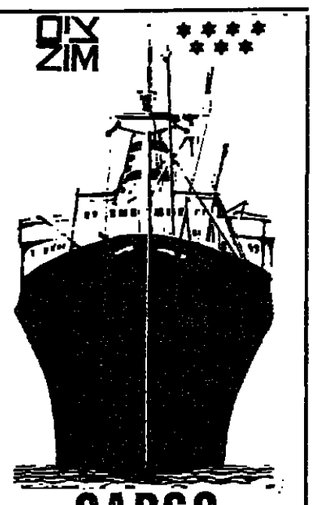

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Municipality of Netanya

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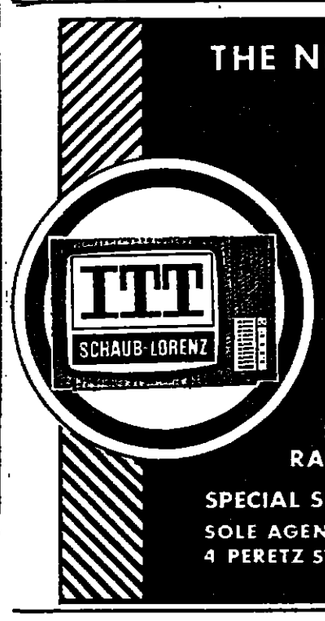

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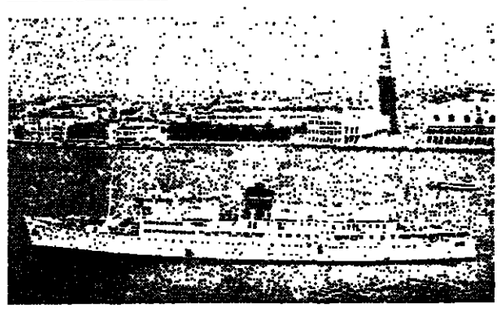

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LAST-MOMENT TALKS

THE closer a disengagement agreement on the Golan Heights appears to come, the *more the Syrians shy away from* it, throwing up new objections one after the other.

There is, in fact, a consensus of opinion that there will be an agreement. The Syrians are anxious to be able to show some territorial gains, such as the recovery of the town of Kuneitra, empty for over seven years now, and also to end the heavy pressure that the Israel land and air forces have been exerting on their close-packed army between Kuneitra and Damascus.

There is pressure by President Sadat of Egypt, and promises by Secretary of State Kissinger of the U.S. There is also no prospect of any Israel withdrawal at all without formal disengagement. The medicine of any form of agreement may seem unduly bitter to the Syrians, who have avoided agreements where they could, but there are indications that they know they will have to swallow it.

The best explanation for the repeated last-minute hesitations and amendments and new demands is that they wish, at least, to make the medicine as disagreeable for us as it is for them. They are well aware that the continued fighting and losses on the northern front reinforce our desire to speed up the talks and end shooting which is now not directed towards any specific purpose except the protection of the troops in areas that would be evacuated under the terms of the agreement; that we have more *reason to fear for the well-being* of our prisoners, and particularly those who were wounded, than do the Syrians; and that we do not wish the smooth working of the disengagement on the Egyptian front — up to now — to be disturbed in any way, as by an escalation of the fighting in the north.

If Israel is anxious to seal the *bargain, it must seem natural* to President Assad to try to wring out some extra advantage before being willing to stop shooting. How little his mind is yet attuned to any real ending *of hostilities is demonstrated* by his protest that if the buffer zone and thinning out of forces are implemented as proposed, it "would prevent Syria from obtaining any strategic advantage *from Israel's* withdrawal."

Last night Dr. Kissinger was still engaged in a marathon session in Damascus, so urgent that he postponed his return to Jerusalem several times: he would scarcely have done this if he judged that there were no prospects of any progress at the present time. Soviet Foreign Minister Gromyko was also on his way to Damascus, but apparently kept out of sight until Dr. Kissinger had finally left. If Gromyko is anxious for the Geneva stage of the discussions to begin, so that Russia may play its postponed role, we could see progress.

Impeachment is not a disaster

BUT ECONOMIC POLICY IS ADRIFT

By JOSEPH KRAFT

WASHINGTON. — THE Presidency so dominates U.S. thinking about the world that for many people impeachment portends disaster beyond measure. But analysis makes a liar of that fear.

The most important recent events show that peace and domestic tranquillity do not depend at all on President Nixon. While the President's weakness has aggravated economic problems, even these could be vastly eased by the appointment of the right man to manage economic policy.

In the international area, the greatest potential troublemaker is the Soviet Union. But the chief focus of Soviet animosity remains Communist China.

If only to isolate the Chinese, the Russians are eager to reach agreement with the U.S. and Western Europe on arms control and trade. Perhaps the main reason why Henry Kissinger has been able to get as far as he has with a disengagement agreement between Syria and Israel is that Moscow has not stood in the way.

The benign Soviet stance finds a counterpart in Western Europe. The new French President, Valery Giscard d'Estaing, is noted for his disposition to cooperate with Washington. Harold Wilson and Helmut Schmidt, who have come to power in Britain and West Germany, lean heavily on the American tie. So for the first time since 1958, the United States does not have to count Europe as a potential source of trouble. With Russia and West*ern Europe not* actively working against Washington, nothing very serious can happen to affect this country's international position.

As to domestic tranquillity, the present moment provides a very good index. *Graduation time is usual*ly marked by student demonstrations, and the onset of the summer tends to bring racial troubles. But the campuses are notably calm. At one I visited recently, a dean remarked that four years ago he was meeting round the clock with students to prevent occupation of the buildings. This year, his chief encounter with the same students was in a softball game.

In the racial field, the shoot-out between the Symbionese Liberation Army and the police in Los Angeles is highly revealing. The far-out, eccentric character of the SLA *demonstrates* the limited appeal that violence has acquired for those interested in improving race relations.

The police, despite an unparalleled concentration of force in a black neighbourhood, avoided hitting *innocent persons* by bullets, stray and not so stray. Local officials, in other words, have developed a sensitivity about community feelings. And that is perhaps the best of all possible safeguards against racial violence.

Unfortunately, the easing of international and internal tensions has not been accompanied by success in managing the economy. The latest figures for the first quarter of this year show that inflation is bowling along at a rate of 11.5 per cent, while growth dropped at a rate of 6.3 per cent.

The meaning of those numbers is that efforts to restrain inflation could lead to severe recession unless the economy is managed in a careful, indiscriminating way. But at present, economic policy is not so much being managed as fought over.

George Shultz, who used to manage the economy as Secretary of the Treasury and Chairman of the Council of Economic Advisers, is leaving. Rivalry to run the show has developed between present Secretary of the Treasury William Simon and the Director of the Office of Management and Budget, Roy Ash. Both men lack the broad experience in government and economic theory *to do the job* well. A third possibility, John Dunlop of the Cost of Living Council, who has the stuff to do the job, seems to have irritated the President's Chief of Staff, Alexander Haig, by the strength of his personality.

The result is that economic policy is now adrift. Even steps that could be taken to limit price increases in the construction and health fields are *not* being made. There is at least a chance that a round of catch-up wage increases could set in motion a new burst of inflation.

But these difficulties are avoidable. What is required is that the President appoint a Coordinator of Economic Policy who has the breadth and toughness of Dr. Dunlop. The infighting would be moderated, and there could be developed a steady policy not subject to the interplay of personalities as advanced or rebuffed by the rapidly changing moods of the President and General Haig. The country would then be ready to live with the impeachment.

READERS' LETTERS

MORE ON MA'ALOT

The desk of the Editor of The Jerusalem Post *is still being swamped with letters from readers expressing their outrage at the Ma'alot tragedy. Many letters have also come in from abroad from Jews and non-Jews alike expressing sympathy with the people of Israel in the wake of the tragedy. Dozens of letters have been received in support of the mandatory death sentence for terrorists. A sampling of some readers' views on the subject was published on May 22. Here now are some additional points raised by our readers:*

RESCUE SYRIAN JEWS

Sir, — If, for legal reasons, death sentences cannot be carried out retroactively, then let us get in touch with the Syrian Government and try to exchange all terrorists in *our hands for the Jewish community* in Syria.

ZVI RATH

Haifa, May 19.

NO PRISONERS!

Sir, — Don't take prisoners in terrorist attacks!

IRVING EISEN

Miami Shores, Fla., May 17.

DEATH PENALTY

Sir, — I think the death penalty for terrorists is more humanitarian than bombing the Lebanon which involves the risk of casualties among the peaceful population and allows world opinion to condemn at the same time terrorist attacks and retaliation raids.

HEINRICH STRAUSS

Jerusalem, May 19.

PERSUASIVE ARGUMENT

Sir, — Terrorists sent to Israel on their *nefarious* missions do not spring from nowhere. They have to be recruited, which is no easy task, since no man puts his life in jeopardy lightly. In this case, the recruiter has a persuasive argument —there is no death penalty in Israel, and life in an Israeli jail is bearable until rescue can be effected. The great fallacy of our "no death penalty" policy is that we have, by our own acts, facilitated the recruiting of terrorist gangs.

JACOB QUAT

Haifa, May 19.

BUTCHERED CHILDREN

Sir, — On Thursday, I cried over what the Arabs had done to us — butchered our children. On Saturday, I cried over what we had become — terrorists. We callously bombed children in order to save our face at home; we had become no different from our enemies. Murder is ultimately not a political defence, but a moral offence.

ELIEZER SPITZ

Jerusalem, May 20.

GRIEF AND ANGER

Sir, — It is very understandable that citizens closely affected by the massacres, filled with grief and anger, should call for revenge. The Government, however, should take a wider view and act through longer-term policy. The determination not to be provoked in this crucial period, the clear and powerful message of these atrocities to the world and the re-education of citizens as to the only lasting security for the State — a political settlement — have all been lost.

IAN SEATON

Kibbutz Beit Alfa, May 17.

PARTY POLITICS

Sir, — The bitter truth is that the blame for the Ma'alot catastrophe is partly on the heads of our stale party functionaries and long discredited politicians who have been playing at coalition politics since January, blind to the fact that the vast majority of this long-suffering people is totally turned off by coalition games, especially as there is a war going on. As an ordinary citizen and one who has been under arms for nearly five months out of the last seven, allow me to say this: The politicians seem to be out of touch with the feelings of *the people who have been wanting* a government — any government — until new elections can be held, ever since the badly-timed December elections. This lack of concern allows these unending coalition games to go on in comfortable conference rooms while a great many matters of importance are neglected. We are crying out for a fresh energetic leadership displaying by personal example the ideals Israel claims to stand for.

SHALOM ZAUSMER

Haifa, May 16.

UNANSWERED QUESTIONS

Sir, — The horrible tragedies of Kiryat Shmona and Ma'alot leave too many questions unanswered. First among them is that of whether the humanitarian ethics, the Tora and Talmudic principles, the damnable decency of Judaism and the Israeli State may be the instrument of our downfall. It is perhaps time for a tough new leadership not quite so concerned with the niceties and opinions of international politics.

RICHARD H. ROSICHAN

Miami, Fla., May 15.

ARAB PEACE

Sir, — How can we possibly believe the Arabs are willing for peace? What should we expect next? Those 14-17-year-old kids — did they have to die? I'm 15 years old — I could be one of them. I want to do something about it. That such a thing should never happen again. I think every person in this world should be ashamed of himself and not forget this tragedy in a few days, as they did after Lod, Kiryat Shmona, Munich, etc. And I hope all Jews in North America, instead of staying here by the millions, sending their dollars to Israel in the belief that they are thus supporting and helping her, should move to live there.

DANA ROTH

Toronto, Ontario, May 17.

GOVERNMENT RESPONSIBILITY

Sir, — I believe that the Israeli Government is responsible for the many killings among the Israelis as well as mong the Palestinians and recently for the tragedy at Ma'alot and in Southern Lebanon. Who but the Israeli Government and the Israeli Army drove hundreds of thousands of Palestinians from their lands and homes? What do they expect of those who have lived — and still live — in frightful conditions in their camps? The Palestinians have suffered much and seem to be ready to suffer more. Israel cannot get any kind of peace without recognizing the rights of the Palestinians first as human beings and then as their equals.

JAWDAT A. EL-HAMAD

Silat e-Dhahr (near Nablus), May 19, May 19.

TOO MUCH LENIENCY

Sir, — It is obvious to everybody, except the United Nations, that such barbaric acts as the murder of Israeli children in Ma'alot are encouraged by leniency towards Arab terrorists. In effect, the members of this distinguished international body found themselves in the company of Arab bandits, carrying joint responsibility for loss of life of innocent victims in Ma'alot. Israel has now every right to take any retaliatory measures she thinks fit.

R. SYSKI

College Park, Maryland, May 16.

CHRISTIAN DISGUST

Sir, — We as Christians join with Jews the world over in expressing horror and disgust at the savage tactic of terrorists which left innocent people in the village of Ma'alot ruthlessly mowed down. We are especially outraged at making children the pawns of war. We can scarcely believe that any group might justify its cause by such an act when in reality all persons of human decency are revolted at such conduct.

It is our earnest hope that the world community as represented by the U.N. will speak out boldly in the face of such outrages, and will make every effort to make member nations assume moral responsibility for acts which result *from* terrorist groups harboured within their boundaries.

Finally, we grieve with the whole Jewish community at the loss of their children whose lives were so precious and full of promise, and we pray for the full recovery of the wounded. With redoubled efforts we pledge ourselves to strive for a world in which the children of all nations may be safe, and where no retaliation, like today's bombing over Lebanon, will in any way be deemed necessary.

(Sister) Ann Patrick Ware, S.L.
Associate Director, Commission on Faith & Order, National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U.S.A.
(Sister) Rose Thering, O.P.
Associate Professor
Seton Hall University,
South Orange, New Jersey, U.S.A.

New York, May 16.

Franco-Indian atomic collaboration closer

By TREVOR DRIEBERG
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

NEW DELHI. — THE Canadian threat to halt nuclear technical cooperation with India because of the recent explosion may result in New Delhi seeking closer ties with France in this field. Ever since France and India refused to sign the nuclear non-proliferation treaty, there has been increasing collaboration between them in developing nuclear science and expertise in India.

Indian researchers attached to the Bhabha Atomic Research Centre in Bombay have also developed techniques and knowhow which are rapidly taking them to the point of self-reliance in nuclear development. For instance, the country's third atomic power generating station near Madras has been entirely designed and is being entirely built by Indians.

Canadian expert assistance is helping to build a plant in Rajasthan, which has two reactors fuelled with natural uranium, moderated by heavy water, with a generating capacity of 400 megawatts. Completion of this plant is said to be delayed somewhat by a Canadian ban on the supply of contracted equipment after the Indian refusal to sign the nuclear non-proliferation treaty. Part of this equipment is now coming from France, and the rest is being manufactured in India.

France is also providing technical help in building a fast-breeder thermal reactor at Kalpakkam, while a process developed by a French consortium is being used in a heavy water plant to be set up in Baroda in Western India.

The Atomic Energy Commission proposes to set up four new heavy water plants. One plant, with a capacity of 100 tons, will be established at Kota, in Rajasthan, almost entirely with knowhow from the Bhabha Atomic Research Centre.

Among the peaceful uses of atoms developed at the Centre is the production of radio-isotopes and of new plant strains. Several Asian countries, as well as advanced ones like Austria, Australia, Denmark and France, have been supplied with isotopes, while a gamma chamber has been supplied to Sri Lanka through the United Nations Development Programme.

The Centre functions as a base unit for nuclear medicine in Southeast Asia, in collaboration with the World Health Organization and the International Atomic Energy Commission. In biology and agriculture it has evolved high-quality groundnut and jute mutants with big yields, has identified the insecticidal properties of garlic oil and carried out advanced work preserving foods.

When the first phase of the Commission's development programme is completed with natural uranium reactors, it will have three tons of plutonium at its disposal yearly. This phase was to have been completed in 1980, but it is expected to take five years longer because of curtailment of Canadian support.

India proposes to use all the plutonium to construct fast reactors for generating electricity in the second phase of its nuclear power programme. Thorium will be used along with plutonium to produce uranium-233 as a by-product.

India has the world's largest reserves of thorium, and the readily extractable quantity available in the beach sands of the southern state of Kerala is estimated at half a million tons. It also has sizable reserves of natural uranium at three places in Northern India.

The plutonium used in the blast on May 18 was from the reactor the Centre has built in Bombay and, therefore, did not come under the control of the International Atomic Energy Agency, of whose Board of Governors India is a member.

The plutonium produced at Kalpakkam will also not be under the Agency's control. Thus, if India wishes, this can be used for military purposes. But India has no delivery system for weapons of this kind, though it is developing a series of rockets and connected facilities like propellants for fuel systems for vehicles.

POSTSCRIPTS

Family Law

THE housing shortage affects not only young couples intending to marry, but married couples wanting to divorce.

A draft Family Law now being drawn up in Austria apparently takes this fact of modern life into account. A fiat, under the proposed law, will be regarded as the common property of the couple. Should the marriage fail, the fiat will go to the spouse more in need of housing. The other partner will receive compensation for his — or her — share of the property.

The draft law also recognizes complete legal equality between men and women in family relationships. Thus a husband will no longer be able to forbid his wife to work and it will not be compulsory for the wife to follow her husband to a new residence. Furthermore, spouses will be free to choose whether they carry the name of the wife or the husband. And housekeeping and care of the children will be considered as a contribution to the family income.

If only the Austrians were as enlightened in their attitude to compensation for the victims of Nazism.

The Law aloft

THE advertising slogan for one foreign airline is that only the aircraft receives more attention than the passengers.

Judging from a letter received in our editorial offices, El Al might say that only a Scroll of the Law receives better treatment than the travellers.

Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Kuttler wrote to say that they brought a Sefer Tora with them from Miami, having heard that more Scrolls of the Law are needed here. Their synagogue packed the Scroll carefully for the flight. When they arrived at the El Al offices in New York, the "red carpet" treatment began in earnest. Their luggage was not weighed in. They were given bulkhead seats, so that they could keep an eye on the precious gift. The next morning there was *minyan* for the morning service in the first-class compartment of the Jumbo jet and Mrs. Kuttler offered to unpack the Scroll for the portion of the Law to be read. "I am sure it was the first time that the man who volunteered had ever read the Parsha at an altitude of 30,000 feet." Everyone on board felt "safer" because they were travelling with the Law.

Arriving at Ben-Gurion Airport, the Kuttlers were met by their soldier son, and six other young men in uniform. "Take the Sefer out of its box," he said. The six soldiers, who had just been flown in from Sinai, spread a large tallit over the Scroll. One of them had a guitar, another a tambourine. Singing and dancing, they emerged from the terminal building, carrying the Tora carefully. Hundreds of people joined in, some of them overcome with emotion.

The Kuttlers are going to present the Sefer Tora to an army camp. "May the soldiers' prayers for peace be answered. Now we can say 'mission accomplished'."

Kiwi kibbutzim

THE kibbutz is going "down under" — not under.

The Prime Minister of New Zealand wants to see agricultural communes set up as centres of "social healing and nation-building." He would like them to be established away from the towns, on remote seacoasts or along river valleys, developed by people who grow food only for themselves and live in balance with nature, to offset the materialism of modern society.

A meeting was held in February outside Wellington and Gemini News Service reports that over a hundred people turned up, mostly bejeaned, be-sandalled and long-haired young men and women. The Acting Minister of Lands explained the scheme and suggested that a number of groups, as well as a working committee, be formed. The Government will allocate the land necessary, and six sites have already been ear-marked, ranging in area from 2,800 to 11,200 dunams.

The New Zealand or Kiwi version of the kibbutz is to be called "Ohu." This is a Maori word with two meanings: to gain, or execute, by means of friendly help at work; and to do, by the aid of a company of volunteer workers. *F.D.*

MINISTRY OF FINANCE
INCOME AND PROPERTY TAX COMMISSION
PROPERTY TAX OFFICES
OPEN IN THE AFTERNOON

The Property Tax Offices will be open to the public without a break until 6 p.m. (except on Shabbat Eves and festivals) until July 15, 1974, for clarification of questions involving 1974 real estate accounts.

MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT
Driving and Vehicle Services
RECEPTION HOURS AT THE HOLON LICENSING OFFICE IN THE AFTERNOON

The Management of the Driving Vehicles Services announces that the Holon licensing office has re-opened in the afternoons and will be open to the public on Sundays and Wednesdays from 3.00—6.00 p.m.
During these hours, the following subjects will be dealt with:
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- The issuing of duplicates of licences which have been lost and renewal of licences of drivers who, as a result of nonpayment of a fine, did not receive renewal forms.
- The registering of changes in the details recorded on licences (changes of name, address etc..).
- Giving information and explanations.

VEHICLES
- The issuing of payment slips for licence renewal to those who do not receive these through the post.
- Depositing of licences.
- Registration of mortgages and confiscations.
- The issuing of duplicate vehicle licences.
- Giving information.
- Registration of changes of address.

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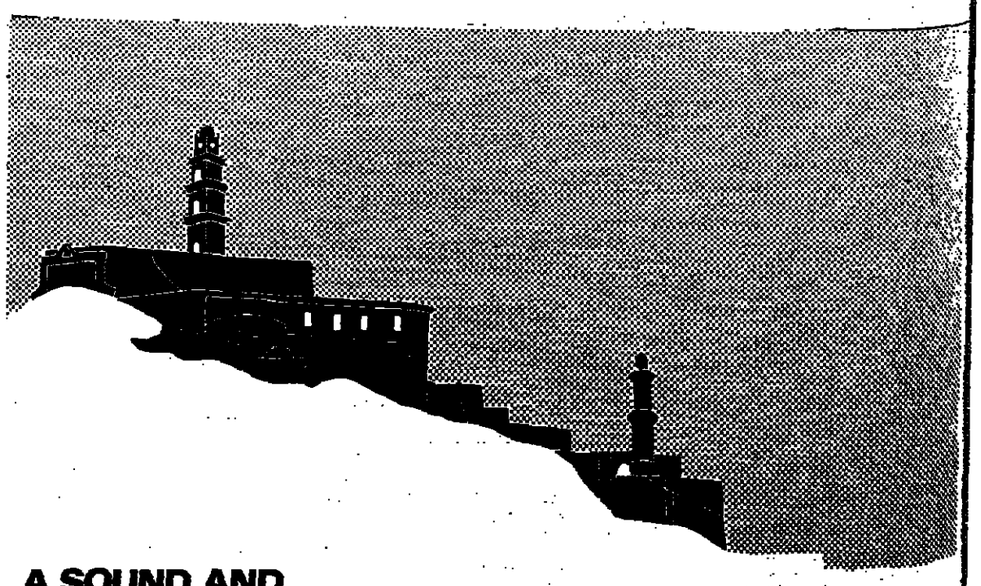
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